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Segregation May Be Ended By Methodists At Confab

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The big question for thousands of delegates to the Methodist General Conference in San Francisco April 23 to May 6 is:

"Will the Methodists abolish the so - called Central Jurisdictional Conference into which all colored members have been heaped?"

Church leaders want the conferences mixed. They are asking the General Conference to pass on segregation and outlaw it once and for all.

Bishop King

A second question to come up before the conference is whether or not Bishop Willis King, who has served eight years in West Africa, shall be returned to the United States.

Bishop King was elected for West Africa.

He has asked to return here and the conference will rule on his application.

Unconfirmed reports are current here that Bishop King may retire at $3600 a year if he is not permitted to return to the States.

Delegates Listed

Delegates from the Washington area are:

Ministerial—R. M. Williams of Washington and Edgar A. Love, New York.

Lay — William E. Fletcher, Annapolis and Mrs. Fannie D. Tyler, Washington. Mr. Fletcher, a veteran churchman, is 86 years old.

Two bishops who will retire at his general conference are: Rt. Rev. A. P. Shaw of Baltimore and Rt. Rev. Edward W. Kelley of St. Louis. Retirement age is 72.

Two new bishops will be elected at the Jurisdictional Conference to be held in June. Besides the two retiring bishops, other prelates are: Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of Atlanta and Bishop Robert N. Brooks of New Orleans

It is reported that Bishop Bowen will be assigned to Baltimore to replace Bishop Shaw

For Bishopric

Church leaders whose names are mentioned prominently in connection with election to the bishopric in June are:

Rev R. M. Williams, D.C.; Rev. Matthew W. Clair, Chicago; Rev. Gammon Morris, Chicago; Rev. Lafayette Harris, Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev Edgar A. Love, Board of Missions, N.Y.; Rev. Prince Taylor, editor, Church Advocate; Rev. Noah Moore, Philadelphia; Rev. J. J. Seabrook, president of Claflin College, S.C.

Poison Pen Letters

Before the past four Jurisdictional Conferences poison pen letters or cards were circulated concerning some of the ministers prominently mentioned. Investigation has failed to discover the letter writers.

Church leaders announced that they expect to make a special check to prevent the distribution of poison pen letters this vear.

St. Louis Sending 10

There are expected to be some 54 colored delegates at the conference. The St. Louis area has named 10 to represent it at the meeting, elected by the four annual conferences.

There will be a lay delegate for every ministerial delegate in attendance at the conference. Bishop Edward W. Kelly, presiding officer of the St. Louis area, has named the following persons to represent his area at the conference:

Dr. Charles N. Richmond, district superintendent of the St. Louis District, and Bige Wyatt, local businessman, will be the ministerial and lay representative, respectively, of the Central West Conference.

Rev. Love

W. Fletcher

R. Williams

Mrs. Tyler

Central West Names 2

The Rev. Dubro M. Grisham, pastor of the Clark Memorial Church, Nashville, Tenn., and and Samuel R. Brown, Memphis, are the ministerial and lay delegates, respectively, from the Tennessee conference.

The Southwest Conference will be represented by the Rev. John H. Oliver, pastor of the Haven Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Ark., and John S. Cullens, Little Rock, Ark. The Rev. Mr. Oliver is the ministerial, and Cullens the lay delegate.

Ministerial delegates from the Lexington Conference are Dr. Robert G. Morris, pastor of Hartzell Memorial Methodist church, Chicago, and Dr. M. Lafayette Harris, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.

All States Represented

John T. Current, Detroit, and Dewey Lampkin, Chicago, are the lay delegates from the Lexington Conference. Some 15 other colored annual conferences of the Methodist Church in this country will be represented by 44 ministerial and lay delegates.

Delegates will be present from all of the 48 States and some 25 countries overseas, including two from Liberia, representing the nearly 10,000 members of the largest Protestant body in the world.

Six of the 70 active and retired bishops of the Methodist Church are colored. Among them are Bishop Kelly, Bishop Robert N. Brooks, New Orleans, La.; Alexander P. Shaw, Baltimore: John W. E. Bowen, Atlanta; Willis J. King, Monrovia, Liberia; Robert E. Jones, Waveland, Miss; Edward Kelley, St. Louis, and Robert Brooks, New Orleans.

Methodist Bishop Hits Race Bias At General Confab In San Francisco

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. — (ANP)—Some 70 bishops attending the General conference of The Methodist Church here last week agreed that racialism rather than Communism was a major deterrent to achievement of full democracy in the United States.

The bishops labeled racial discrimination as "both unfair and un-Christian."

Six of the 70 bishops as the conference are Negroes. They are Willis J. King, Monrovia, Liberia; Robert N. Brooks, New Orleans, La.; Eward W Kelly St., St. Louis; Alexander P. Shaw, Baltimore; J.W.E.Bowen Atlanta, and Robert E. Jones, retired, Waveland, Miss.

Besides the bishops, there are 720 delegates representing 99 annual conferences in the United States and 44 overseas conferences. Some 54 of these delegates represent the Central Jurisdiction,, which is the Jim Crow set-up for most Negro members of the denomination.

In his speech on The Negro in the Methodist Church in the United States, Bishop Paul B. Kern said among other things:

"To discriminate against a person solely upon the basis of his race is both unfair and unChristian. Every child of God isentitled to that place in society which he has won by his industry, his integrity and his character. To deny him that position of honor because of the accident of birth is neither honest democracynor good religion.

"The Methodist Church is in a peculiar position of responsibility and trust. We are a church of many races, both in this country and abroad. There is no reason why we could not demonstrate by our patience our forbearance, and our vision a solution of this problem which would be just and Christlike to all races. When we treat it as a human problem it baffles us; when we approach it as a God-given opportunity it thrills us."

Many observers saw in this statement an oblique reference to the Central Jurisdiction which has been a touchy subject for the church for a number of years.

Unlike other Methodist denominations, The Methodist Church does not elect bishops during its general conference. Bishops are elected after the conference by the respective areas.

Since most Negro Methodists are under the Central Jurisdiction, they are able to vote for their own bishops. The Central Jurisdiction includes some 19 conferences.

White Methodists Vote Integration

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Baltimore 5-3-52

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AFRO ON SPOT

The AFRO's Managing Editor, B. M. Phillips, who has covered Methodist conferences for the past decade, will be on hand when this great church conference meets in San Francisco.

As Methodists Took Communion At San Francisco Conference

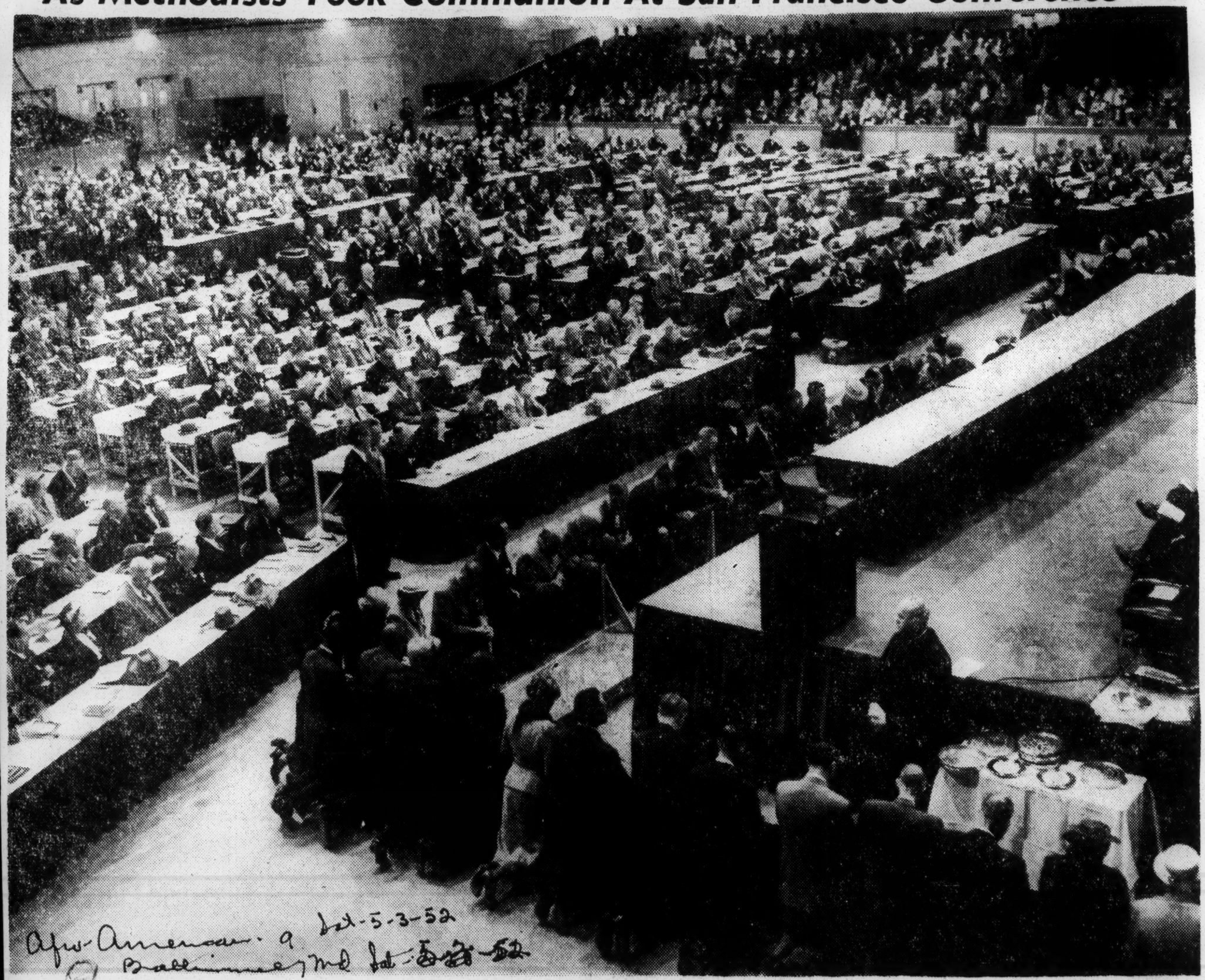

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Photo shows delegates to Methodist Church General Conference in San Francisco as they knelt partake in Holy Communion at opening of convention on Wednesday. One of the biggest questions before this great church body of more than 9 million members was how to eliminate the jim-crow Central Jurisdiction of the Church to which most of the 350,000 colored members are confined. When this question reached the floor of the convention a change was voted down. (Photo Courtesy San Francisco News)

Bishop Clair Named On Committee

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., resident prelate of the St. Louis Area of the Methodist church was elected the representative of the Central Jurisdiction on the Administrative Committee of the Committee of Fifty that was ordered by the San Francisco General conference "to inaugurate, implement and carry out" American Methodism's share of the 1953 world-wide evangelistic program.

Bishop Clair's appointment to this important Methodist committee was made in a meeting of the committee of 50 which met recently in Washington, D. C., in the denomination's Board of Temperance Building, at the call of the Board of Evangelism, Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City was elected to lead the movement.

This evangelistic emphasis, which coincides with the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was launched in Oxford, England last summer at the eighth World Methodist conference.

Four Methodists Receive Honors

ST. LOUIS—Four outstanding Methodist leaders were honored recently with appointments to various boards of the denomination.

Bishop Matthew W. Clair, jr. has been named vice-chairman of the Week of Dedication to be observed throughout Methodism in March, 1953.

Dr. W. D. Lester, Kansas City, Kas., was elected associate director of the department of Negro work of the General Board of Evangelism. Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago has been elected recording secretary of the Women's division of Christian Service. Mrs. W. H. McCallum of Chicago was elected a member at large to the national board of the Women's division of Christian Service.

Bishop Garber. Bishop Werner. Bishop Love. Bishop Oxnam.

BISHOPS TAKE PART IN SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION—Methodist bishops taking part in the Spiritual Life Mission starting Friday are G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio; Edgar A. Love, Baltimore Area, Central Jurisdictional Conference, and Paul N. Garber of Richmond.

Bishop Oxnam to Open Spiritual Life Mission Of Ministers Friday

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington will address 400 visiting and 200 local ministers on Friday to open a one-week Metropolitan Area Methodist Spiritual Life Mission. The mission will close on December 5.

Dr. Thomas.

Bishop Oxnam will address the clergymen at 7:30 p.m. in Hamline Methodist Church, Sixteenth and Allison streets N.W.

The visiting and home pastors will attend a Spiritual Life School at Hamline Church on Saturday and Monday through Friday. Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Columbus, Ohio, and Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, will address the school each session. Bishop Werner will talk on "Spiritual Needs in the Contemporary World" and Bishop Ensley on "Basic Essentials in the Spiritual Life."

The purpose of the mission is "to reclaim inactive and indifferent members" of Methodist churches, Dr. G. Ernest Thomas of Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, explained. Dr. Thomas will direct the program, with 317 Washington area churches taking part.

Other bishops participating in the mission are Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va.; Bishop Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore Area of the Central Jurisdictional Conference, and Bishop W. Angie Smith of the Oklahoma-New Mexico area.

Nearly 100,000 in Districts.

There are nearly 100,000 Methodists in the five districts taking part in the mission. The districts are Alexandria, Washington East, Washington West, Virginia-Washington and Washignton.

Bishops Oxnam, Garber and Love form the mission's executive committee. Dr. John C. Millian, superintendent of the Washington West District is executive chairman.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, missionary and author, will also take part in the mission.

Four spiritual life rallies will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. They will be at the University of Maryland Chapel, Woodside Methodist Church, Silver Spring, Md.; Fairfax (Va.) High School, and John Stewart Methodist Church, Seventh and A streets N.E.

Visiting clergymen who will speak in Washington churches during the campaign are:

Bethesda Church—The Revs. H. S. Brooks, Savannah, Ga., and W. J. Campbell, Austin, Minn.

Calvary—Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. C. A. Miller, Warren, Ohio.

Dumbarton Avenue—The Revs. J. L. Hillis, Macon, Ga., and Bruce Medford, Sterling City, Tex.

Eldbrooke—The Rev. C. R. Earle, Lafayette, Ind., and C. H. Browning, Bluff City, Tenn.

Emory—The Revs. J. D. Bass, Clarksville, Tenn., and Anthony Hearn, Macon, Ga.

Foundry—Bishop Hazen G. Werner and the Rev. R. P. Price, San Bernardino, Calif.

Francis Asbury—Dr. W. A. Lamb, Memphis, Tenn., and R. L. Moore, Fairmount, W. Va.

Hamline—Dr. E. Stanley Jones, India, and the Rev. Leo Bailey, Verona, Miss.

St. Lukes—The Revs. G. B. Deschler, Santa Anna, Calif., and T. L. Stovall, Terra Haute, Ind.

St. Paul—The Revs. G. R. Ireland and B. C. Thomas, Louisville, Ky.

Union—The Revs. F. E. George, Mount Vernon, N. Y., and G. W. Amos, Norfolk, Va.

Wesley—The Rev. Albert Trulock, Valdosta, Ga.

Woodside—Dr. Edgar A. Nease, Atlanta Ga.

Anacostia—Dr. D. C. Bryan, Houston Tex., and the Rev. C. N. Diercks, Chicago

Brightwood Park—The Revs. W. N Whear, South Bend, Ind., and W. C Ziegler, Saugus, Mass.

Brookland—The Rev. J. R. Hilliard, San Antonio, Tex., and W. L. Coe, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Congress Heights—The Revs. N. B. Harmon, New York, and E. W. Foote, Minneapolis, Minn.

Douglas Memorial—The Revs. O. W. Arrington, Forsyth, Mont., and D. N. Nifong, Marion, N. C.

Epworth—The Revs. G. C. Powell, Lake Whales, Fla., and H. O. Ritter, Emporia, Kans.

First, Bradbury Heights—The Rev. Earl Perry, Sedan, Kans.

Gorsuch—The Rev. W. A. Rollins, Newton, N. C.

Grace—The Revs. M. R. Willis, Nebraska City, Nebr., and J. W. Ford, Arlington, Tex.

Lewis Memorial—The Revs. F. Q. Echols, Augusta, Ga., and N. B. Crawford, Pasadena, Tex.

McKendree—The Revs. H. C. Wilkerson, Lexington, N. C., and R. B. Thomas, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mount Vernon Place—Bishop F. G Ensley and the Rev. F. A. Boulward, Bowie, Tex.

North Carolina Avenue—The Revs. W. C Beecher, Phoenix, Ariz., and T. H. Norton, Jacksonville, Fla.

Petworth—Dr. W. H. Bransford, Anderson, Ind., and the Rev. G. A. Schulze, San Benito, Tex.

Rhode Island Avenue—The Revs. O. L Collier, Frankfort, Ind., and Mr. Schulze

Rosedale—The Revs. D. R. Lytle, Windsor, Mo.

Ryland—The Revs. L. H. Holmes, Loyal, Wis., and R. B. McGrew, Portales, N. M.

Trinity—The Revs. H. C. Brockman, Shawnee, Kans., and J. E. Barclay, Boston.

Waugh—The Revs. Lambert Tinnell, Lynchburg, Va., and M. H. Greenlee, Cascade, Idaho.

Wilson Memorial—The Revs. W. B. Cheshire, Dawson, Ga., and E. C. Erney, National City, Calif.

Former Gammon Professor Gets Methodist Education Position

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A Texas Negro, the Rev. Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., has been appointed to the staff of the Methodist Church's General Board of Education, which has its national headquarters here.

He is assigned to the Department of General Church School work, headed by the Rev. Walter Towner, it was announced by Dr. John Q. Schisler, executive secretary of the board's Division of the Local Church.

The department has responsibility for general phases of Methodist church schools' educational programs. The Rev. Mr. Dixon will work closely with pastors, superintendents and general officers of local churches throughout the country, including the denomination's 2,891 Negro church schools.

Before coming to Nashville, the Rev. Mr. Dixon was executive secretary of Methodism's West Texas Conference Board of Education. Previously, he was director of religious extension service for six years at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., and visiting professor at Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, for two years.

A native of San Antonio, the Rev. Mr. Dixon is a graduate of Samuel Huston College, Austin, and Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. He did post-graduate work at Oberlin College's School of Theology, Oberlin, Ohio.

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Eleven Negroes Are Methodist Missionaries

New York, N. Y.—Miss Pearl Bellinger, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. L. J. Bellinger, of Terre Haute, Ind., and Detroit, is one of the eleven Negroes serving as missionaries for the Methodist Church in overseas countries.

Four of the missionaries are assigned to India, three to Africa and two each to Brazil and Borneo.

The Indian group known as "1-3's" because they are on a three-year teaching assignment includes the Rev. Julius Scott, Jr., Jubbpore of Houston, Texas, the Rev. Tunnie Martin, Jr., Jubbipore, of Orangeburg S. C., and Detroit; Miss Eilen Barnette, Baroda of Atlanta, and Miss Bellinger who is stationed at Bidar.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Gray, Franklin, Texas are on a year's furlough from Gbarnga, Liberia. The St. Mark's Church, Chicago, is one of the churches helping to support the work of the Grays through "Advance" specials.

Miss Carrie V. Peat, Baltimore, is on a three year's teaching assignment at the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, Gainesville, Fla., are engaged in agricultural work among the Dyaks in Borneo, Mr .and Mrs. Emmett D. Steele, Milledgeville, Ga., and Chicago, are teaching at Granbury College, Juiz de Fora Brazil. Mrs. Steele is a member of the St. Mark's church, Chicago.

Two Bishops Set To Retire

Methodist Session To Name Successors

PHILADELPHIA

When the Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church holds its fourth quadrennial session here next June, at least two of the bishops' offices will be vacated because of retirement.

They are Bishop A. P. Shaw, who is resident bishop of the Baltimore Area, and Edward W. Kelly, resident bishop of the St. Laws Area, both of whom have reached retirement age of 70. They will retire at the General Conference, which will be held here June

Prominent Churchmen Listed

When the conference elects their successors it will probably have before it the names of a number of prominent Methodist churchmen including

The Revs. Noah W. Moore of Philadelphia, R. M. Williams of Asbury Church in Washington, M. L. Harris, president of Philander Smith College; Robert S. Norris of Holsey Church, Chicago;

The Revs. M. W. Clark Jr., pastor of St. Marks Church in Chicago, O. [illegible] Quick, pastor of Cory Church, Cleveland; T. J. Griffin, pastor of St. Matthews, Chicago; and Edgar Love.

Rev. Love Has Supporters

The Rev. Mr. Love was widely supported for the office at the last General Conference.

Another influential churchman is the Rev. Matthew W. Clair Jr., who has become nationally prominent because of his work with the pastor's school founded at Philander Smith College.

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25 Missionary Posts Open To Women Under US-2 Plan

NEW YORK (ANP)—Opportunities to serve in mission stations in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico are open to 25 young men and women under the "US-2" (service in U.S. territory for two years) program of the Methodist Board of Missions and Church Extension.

Started last year by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the program now includes the Division of Home Missions which is recruiting men and couples for three years service in the "outpost" missions in the territories.

40 In Field

Forty young women who trained last summer as the first class of "US-2's" are now serving two year terms in settlement houses, schools, hospitals, and other institutions operated by the Methodist women's organization in the U.S. Qualifications are a bachelor's degree, good scholarship, practical skills, good health, and ability to work with people.

The six-week training session scheduled for July 14-Aug. 2 will be held at National College for Christian Workers, Kansas City, Mo. Applications should be made to the Department of Missionary Personnel of the Methodist Church 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N.Y. Additional information will be supplied upon request.

Methodists Debate Wiping Out Jim-Crow Jurisdiction

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Should the jurisdictional system in the Methodist Church be abolished? That is the question which three Methodist leaders have tried to answer in the January issue of the Christian Advocate, official organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Chief center of the controversy is the jim-crow Central Jurisdiction, which includes nineteen Negro conferences.

Methodists who discussed the "hot" issue were the Rev. Daniel Lyman Ridout, Dover, Del., district superintendent, who wants the whole jurisdictional system abolished; the Rev. W. A. Tyson, Crawford Street Church, Vicksburg, Miss., who and Mason Crum, associate professor, Duke University, who wants the Central Jurisdiction abolished but the over-all jurisdictional set-up maintained.

Pointing out that the business of Christianity is not to develop a strong race unit of Negroes or Indians or Japanese or Chinese or Caucasians, but to build a brotherhood in which race will be of no consideration whatsoever, the Rev. Mr. Ridout said, in part:

"There is no jurisdiction for the continuance of a racial jurisdiction in Methodism. And since the racial jurisdiction doubtless gave birth to the other five jurisdictions, why not abolish them all?"

A white Mississippian, the Rev. Mr. Tyson not only wants the segregated Central Jurisdiction maintained, but he wants all Negro Methodists united in one Negro Methodist Church.

In arguing for the continuance of the jim-crow set-up, the Rev. Mr. Tyson asked:

"Just why would the jurisdictions mean hurtfulness to the Negro? What is wrong with the Negro if his race cannot be developed as such? What shall we make out of him, if not a Negro? Shall we make a white man out of him? Or an Indian?"

Somewhat of a compromise plan was suggested by Crum, as a means of settling the controversial issue. He wants the jurisdictional system continued but the Central Jurisdiction ended at once.

Recognizing that the customs and mores of the South would hinder an immediate ending of the jurisdictional system, Crum suggested the following proposals:

"First, abolish the Central Jurisdiction; second, let each of the Negro annual coferences become part of the jurisdiction in which it now resides.

"Third, make provision for keeping the Negro conferences intact for the time being, maintaining their present organization and their presiding Bishops."

Magazine Lauds 2 Educators

CHICAGO—The Christian Advocate, official journal of the Methodist Church, has lauded the achievements of two noted educators, Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett College and Dr. Matthews S. Davage, secretary of higher education for colored Methodists.

The article on Dr. Jones was written by Eugene Miller, white editor of the Greensboro, N.C. Daily News. Dr. Davage's story was written by Ann Hollinshead, publicity director at Albion College, Albion, Mich.

Prexy Since 1926

Dr. Jones, an honor graduate of Wesleyan College, became president of Bennett in 1926. The enrollment then was 10 students. The college had no money and consisted of three ,dilapidated buildings.

Now the North Carolina women's school has 450 students, an endowment of one million dollars and covers 42 acres. The plant is valued at over three million dollars.

Dr. Davage graduated from New Orleans College (now Dillard) and taught there until called to Clark College, Atlanta, where he served as president for 17 years.

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Methodist Women Vote Opposition To Segregation

Buck Hill Falls, Pa., Jan. 14 (AP)—Opposition to recial segregation and discrimination was expressed today by 400 delegates attending the annual meeting of the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions.

In adopting a 10-point charter of racial practices the delegates called for the opening of all people, without discrimination because of racial or national background.

"Where law prohibits or custom prevents" attaining the objectives, the delegates said, workers and local boards should be charged with responsibility for creating "a favorable public opinion" for changing the laws and customs.

Iowa Negro Methodists invited to join whites

DAVENPORT, Iowa, June 10—(AP)—In what is believed to be the first action of its kind, Negro Methodist Churches have been invited into membership in the North Iowa Methodist Conference.

The conference, holding its annual convention here, passed a motion inviting the Negro Methodist Churches within conference bounds to join the white churches in "one firm Methodist church."

There are only two Negro churches in the conference. They have a combined membership of about 100.

The Rev. Charles W. Brashares, bishop of the Methodist Churches of Iowa said, "This is probably the most important thing that will be passed during this convention. We have made the Christian gesture and we pray that the two churches will join us."

Church leaders said that if the Negro churches accept the invitation, church officers will cooperate in placing Negro ministers in Negro churches. The Negro churches were assured no white ministers would be assigned to lead them and that they would retain their selection of officers.

Similar actions to invite Negro churches into the white conferences will be proposed in the Chicago and Detroit conferences, Dr. Marvin B. Kober of Cedar Rapids said.

Methodists Favor Lifting Color Bar

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3 (AP).—Negro churches today were given the right to join white jurisdictions—Methodist church administrative units—provided all concerned parties agree.

Legislation adopted by the Methodist General Conference concerned the central jurisdiction consisting of Negro Methodist churches. There has been agitation to incorporate Negro churches into white jurisdictions and eventually dissolve the central jurisdiction.

APPROVAL NECESSARY

Proposed changes must be approved by the church membership, the quarterly, annual and jurisdictional conferences, and the Quadrennial General Conference.

The morning session also adopted an eight-year study on local church reorganization, except for one amendment being considered by a committee.

The amendment would require all members of official church boards to abstain from drinking liquor. This motion caused sharp debate before the conference voted to send it to committee.

OFFICIAL BOARD CREATED

The study creates an official board as the administrative body for every local church. It will be composed of the trustees, stewards elected by the quarterly conference, and officers of the church and church organizations. The study names four basic commissions, evangelism, missions, education and finance, and as many other committees as is necessary, subject to official board approval.

At the close of the morning session, Bishop Arthur J. Moore of Atlanta, Ga., was awarded the National Medal of Korea, a civilian cultural award of merit, by Young Han Choo, Korean counsel general in San Francisco.

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BISHOP KING IS APPOINTED NEW PRELATE OF LIBERIA

NEW YORK—Bishop Willis Jefferson King, president of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., last week was appointed Episcopal head of the Methodist Church in Liberia, Africa.

Born in Rose Hill, Texas, Bishop King was educated at Wiley College, Boston University School of Theology, and Harvard University. He also received his Ph.D. in sociology from Boston University.

After serving as pastor of churches in New York, Galveston and Houston, Texas, he became a professor at Gammon. He left Gammon, however, to become president of Samuel Houston College, Austin, Texas. Two years later, he returned to Gammon to become president of the institution.

Bishop King represented Negro churchmen at the World's Student Christian Federation in China, at the Conference on Life and Work at Oxford, England and on the National Preaching Mission.

Liberia, now a separate area with residence in Monrovia, is the oldest foreign mission field of the Methodist Church.

Methodist Appointments Set Tomorrow

Christian education was the dominant theme around which Education Night was built at the Atlnat conference here Friday night. Rev. G. D. Walker, Chairman of the conference board of education presided and presented Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary; Dr. James P. Brawley, president of Clark College, and Reverend Major Jones, for the past five years, executive Secretary of the Boards of education for the Atlanta and Central Alabama conferences.

In his presentation of the achievements and urgent needs of Gammon during his quadrennial tenure, Dr. Richardson noted four areas in which progress had been made. Among these he noted on improved physical plant; improved faculty. which consisted of a lone Ph. D. member at the time he took office four years ago, to six full-time Ph.-D's today; increased faculty salaries and an improved financial structure of the Seminary. "Our greatest need at this moment," he said, "is badly needed cottages for our young married couples."

Dr. Brawley explained the plight of the private college across the nation and advised the conference that Clark was no less in danger than these other private colleges. Of an enrollment of 722 students last year, said Dr. Brawley, 300 applied for and received scholarship assistance of $45,000. He sees indications of a larger enrollment for 1952-53 and advocated a Clark College Day in every church in the conference as a source of revenue to meet the growing crisis which the college is facing.

Reverend Major Jones, who rounded out five years as executive secretary of religious education told the conference that the need for religious education today is no less critical than in the past.

Earlier Friday afternoon, the Conference Ministers Wives, under the leadership of their president Mrs. Willie Stinson, had charge of the program and reported a total of $1,118.82 for the year. Of this sum the following district presidents reported:

Atlanta district, Mrs. Mary A. Baxter, president, $284.10; Gainesville District, Mrs. Geraldine Moore, president, $250; Griffin district, Mrs. Carl Crowder, president, $271.-72 and the Rome district, Mrs. Cornell Grissom, president, $313.

Mrs. E. W. McMillan presented a check totalling $1,000 to the conference on the permanent Pension Fund. Rev. F. W. Montgomery accepted this check and thanked the women and turned same over to the conference treasurer.

Business matters will be taken up again this morning beginning at nine o'clock. Continuing programs will be the anniversary of the American Bible Society at 2:30 and the Talent Hour at 7:30 tonight.

Appointments will be read following the sermon Sunday morn-

A. P. Shaw, E. S. Kelly Retired

Dr. Edgar A. Love, Matthew W. Clair, Jr., Lifted To Episcopacy

Philadelphia, Pa.—Meeting in quadrennial session here at Tindley Temple Methodist Church June 18-22 the fourth Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church elected two bishops and retired two because of age limitations.

Dr. Edgar A. Love was elevated to the bishopric on the third ballot and Dr. Matthew W. Clair, Jr., of Chicago was elected bishop on the fourth ballot.

Retired were Bishops Alexander P. Shaw of Baltimore, Md., and Edward S. Kelly, Sr., of the Lexington Conference.

DR. K. W. McMILLAN, of Austin, Texas, was reelected secretary in a closely contested race with Dr. Charles H. Dubra of Gulfport, Miss., and the Rev. C. Anderson Davis, Kingsport, Tenn., by the 118 delegates, divided equally between lay and ministerial representatives of the nineteen Negro annual conferences of The Methodist Church. Dr. David D. Jones, president of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., was re-elected treasurer, without opposition.

THOUSANDS OF visitors from over the nation attended the confab, which meets every four years, within two months of the adjournment of the General Conference, which is the law-making body of the denomination.

Bishop Shaw was the presiding officer at the first session. Bishop Robert E. Jones (retired) of Waverly, Miss., delivered the sermon for the Communion service which formally opened the five-day meeting.

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HIGHLIGHTS of the conference included the address by Bishop Donald H. Tippett, of the San Francisco Area, who spoke on Wednesday night as the official representative of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church. Dr. Eugene Smith of the Board of Missions, New York City and Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of Gammon Theological Seminary Atlanta, Ga., were the speakers on Thursday night. Bishop Willis J. King, Monrovia, Libeia (Africa) presided on Thursday.

Bishop-elect Love, who was chaplain in World War I, has been superintendent of the Department of Negro Work of the Board of Missions of New York City, since 1940.

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DR. CLAIR, who is the son of the late Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Sr. was for twelve years the pastor of the St. Mark's Methodist Church, Chicago, until May 25, when he was appointed district superintendent of the Columbus (Ohio) district.

Dr. Clair was a chaplain in World War I and was a professor in Gammon Theological Seminary for seven years before going to the St. Mark's Church. The conference was concluded on Sunday afternoon, with a service of consecration for the two newly elected prelates.

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THE POWERFUL Episcopal committee of the conference, headed by Dr. John W. Haywood, Washington, D. C., made the following assignments of the bishops for the 1952-56 quadrennium: Bishop Willis J. King, Monrovia, Liberia (Africa); Bishop Edgar A. Love, the Baltimore area; Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr., the St. Louis Area; Bishop Robert N. Brooks, the New Orleans area; Bishop J. W. E. Bowen, the Atlantic Coast area.

Bishop Retired Because Of Age

Bishop Alexander P. Shaw of Baltimore, Md., well-known prelate of the Central Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church, was one of the two bishops retired because of age limitations at the five-day session of the conference in Philadelphia June 18-22. The other bishop retired was Edward S. Kelly, Sr.

The New Bishops

(From The Central Christian Advocate)

In the election of Dr. Edgar A. Love and Dr. Matthew W. Clair to the episcopacy at the recent Jurisdictional Conference held at Philadelphia, the Central Jurisdiction chose two of its most worthy sons. Both are men of high culture and Christian character. Both are men who having made peace with themselves, are possessors of the poise and stamina so essential for the task which is committed to their hands. Never in the history of the Negro in The Methodist Church has the quality of leadershp which he chose to guide his course been more significant than now. This fact was seriously taken into account in the selection of these two men. They are both sons of Methodist parsonages and have had wide experience as leaders in the church.

Bishop Love is a graduate of Howard and Boston universities, and a leader for many years in the Washington Conference. He had served as pastor, district superintendent, chaplain in the United States army, a teacher at Morgan college and since 1940, superintendent of Negro work for the Board of Missions. His leadership in the church includes membership of a number of the general boards such as the Board of Temperance, Commission on Chaplains and Home Missions Council of North America. For a number of quadrennia he has represented his Conference at General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

The work of Bishop Love with the Board of Missions has carried him across the nation and has extended his leadership into a wide cross section of church life. He brings to his new responsibilities the richness of these accumulated experiences, the courage of his convictions, a keen understanding of the objectives and goals of the church and a prophet's vision. We predict that the Baltimore Area to which he is assigned, in particular, and the church in general will be sparked to more vital motion through his leadership.

Dr. Clair's election to the episcopacy is somewhat unique in that it represents the first time in the church, among Negroes, that the son of a bishop has been chosen to serve in this capacity. Bishop M. W. Clair Sr. was lected to the episcopacy in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1920, following the election of Bishop Robert E. Jones. He and Bishop Jones were the first two general superintendents of color to be elected in the Methodist church. The recent election of Bishop Clair was an indication of the Jurisdiction's coming of age. The fact that his father was bishop served as no barrier to him, nor was he given any special consideration because of it. The Conference was selecting men on the basis of their qualifications for leadership and he eminently met the qualifications.

Bishop Clair was educated at Howard and Boston univeristies and Iliff School of Theology. For a number of years he was a professor at Gammon Theological seminary. Only few men have made such lasting impressions on student generations as did Dr. Clair during hs years at Gammon. His unselfish life was an example to the students. While it is probable that many of them forgot much of what he said in the classroom, they remember the radiance of his life and the meaning of the gospel of Christ as he presented it in his daily contact with them. His students clamored for his election.

For 12 years he was paster of St. Mark's church, Chicago, and was appointed superintendent of the Columbus district at the last session of his Annual Conference in May. Bishop Clair has worked untiringly across the years in the interest of a more adequately trained ministry. His service as dean of pastors' schools in his area and as member of the Commission on Ministerial Training contributed outstandingly toward a better-trained ministry.

He brings to the episcopacy a keen understanding of the needs and function of the ministry, a sympathetic understanding of the problems and difficulties which churches face, a yearning for an ever-deepening sense of God among the people, a humble spirit, a deep sensitivity to divine command and an uncompromising faith in the future.

As these two sons of the church contribute to the already strong arm of the College of Bishops, the people can continue to live in hope.

White Methodists Vote Integration

ELKHART, Ind. (ANP) — A second conference of the Methodist church last week took action designed to pave the way for the admittance of colored churches.

Delegates to the North Indiana conference voted here to "investigate ways and means of welcoming "into the conference, pastors and congregations now in the separate setup for colored churches.

Two weeks ago, two churches were invited to become members of the North Iowa Methodist conference. The churches have a total membership of 100.

The moves to allow colored churches to join other conferences was made possible as a result of action taken at the recent General Conference of the Methodist church in San Francisco.

Negro Churches Invited To Join Iowa Methodists

DAVENPORT, Ia. — (ANP) — Two Negro churches have been invited to become members of the North Iowa Methodist conference. The decision to admit the two churches came during the annual church conference in session here last week.

Invited to join the white churches in "one firm Methodist church" were a church at Mason City and another at Marshalltown, which have a combined membership of some 100.

Action taken at the recent General Conference of the Methodist church at San Francisco paved the way for Negro and White churches, located in the same conference to become provided it was agreeable with all parties concerned.

This was considered a step toward the gradual elimination of the Central Jurisdiction, separate organization for Negro Methodists.

Mixed Methodist Church Hogtied

General Conference Shackles Merger With Chain of Preventative 'Ifs'

(Special to the Courier)

SAN FRANCISCO—Jim-crowism still stalks within the confines of the Methodist Church as the General Conference of the denomination, in a unanimous vote here last week, shackled an anti-segregation proposal with a chain of "ifs" and failed to call for the merging of all-Negro with all white congregations.

The move to eradicate racial lines within the church was based upon a text which was marked by the number of "approvals" needed to permit a Methodist church to be transferred from the jurisdiction of which it is a part to another jurisdiction in which it is located, geographically.

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THE OKAYING of such a move must be done by the following agencies before such a transfer could be effected: The Quarterly Conference of the church; the General Conference in the form of an "enabling act"; a majority of the delegates to both jurisdictional conferences involved; both of the annual conferences involved, the one of which the church has been a part and the one to which transfer is desired, and the majority of the annual conferences of both the jurisdiction of which the church has been a part and the jurisdiction to which transfer is desired.

The passage of the proposal was marked by a dramatic plea from Dr. Hobart B. Amstutz, president of Trinity College in Singapore. He attacked segregation in the church thusly: "I hate this discrimination. It was a shock to come back here, walk into a church and see that everyone was white. The whole problem of the American attitude toward the Negro is a great puzzle to everyone in Asia. 'Why come out to Asia,' they ask 'when you don't clean up the mess in your own country?'"

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OTHER MOVES promulgated by the Methodists included a resolution condemning segregation in Washington, D. C.; the setting up of a Board of Social and Economic Relations to deal with the problems of labor, race, etc., and to establish projects for social betterment, and ruling to allow Bishop Willis J. King of Liberia to return to the U. S. and accept one of the Episcopal areas in this country.

The so-called "anti-segregation" proposal is presumably aimed at wiping out the so-called "Central Jurisdiction" which is composed of Negro churches throughout the nation.

Churches Send 40 to Foreign Mission Posts

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — More than 40 Negro missionaries are working abroad as representatives of predominantly white church denominations, according to a recent report to the North American Assembly on African Affairs.

Before World War II, these denominations employed only 10 Negro missionaries abroad, the report said.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church and president of the National Council of Churches, attributed the increase of Negro missionaries to:

"The increase in the number of Negro missionaries who are adequately trained and fitted for work in particular areas to which they have been sent."

Rev. Sherrill's church has the largest number of Negro missionaries. Before 1944, his church rarely sent American Negroes abroad. Today it has 16 in Liberia.

The Mormon Priesthood: For Whites Only?

Dear Sirs: My co-religionist, Roy W. Doxey, in your issue of August 16, takes me to task for "grossly misrepresenting" the Mormon doctrine in reference to the Negro as presented by me in *The Nation,* May 24, 1952. Specifically, Mr. Doxey attempts to refute my statement that the "blessings of the Mormon church cannot be extended to anyone with Negro blood" by listing six "blessings" which Negroes may receive from the church.

Theoretically, Mr. Doxey is right, but practically speaking his statement is misleading. He knows quite well that the church has not only not tried to make these blessings available to the Negro but has deliberately avoided doing so. Any missionary knows that he is not supposed to tell the Negro of these blessings or attempt to convert him. Negroes have been turned away from Mormon chapels in Salt Lake City. It is interesting to speculate on what would happen if a Negro should apply for "membership by baptism" in the church! They just are not welcome.

The crucial matter, of course, is that the Negro cannot "hold the priesthood." Even if the "blessings" enumerated by Doxey were made available, one could hardly expect a self-respecting Negro to seek fellowship with a group which regards his blood as "tainted" and the color of his skin "a curse of God." He could never be more than a second-class citizen in the church.

St. Paul, Minn. LOWERY NELSON

Baptist Plea For Bathhouse Gets Response

Funds to help the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., pay for the fabulous new sanitarium and bath house have begun to pour in as a grass roots movement to liquidate the debt began to spread.

The Baptist announced publicly last week that they needed $265,000 to pay debts incurred in acquiring their haven of hope for health at Hot Springs, Ark.

The response was immediate. The appeal touched the hearts of Americans throughout the country.

Dr. A. M. Townsend, secretary of the finance commission, who stressed the urgency of the appeal last week, was inspired by the results as he prepared for the Special Baptist Session in Hot Springs, Jan. 22 to 24.

Equally pleased were Dr. D. V. Jemison, president and Dr. U. J. Robinson, secretary of the convention. Both had joined in the appeal last week.

The new bath house, which was opened last February will occupy the main spot on the agenda at the special session.

The donations and comments which came from many poor, hard working people are the ones which seem most inspiring. One letter which contained a dollar stated:

"Thank God for men like our Baptist leaders who had both the vision and the courage to build something that Negroes everywhere have needed for a long time."

Another letter stated:

"I'm no Baptist but here is my contribution."

Still another letter stated:

"I am a poor, old woman and the only money I get is what is given to me by a few relatives. I am sending you a little money this week and will try to send some more next week because I know what this sanitarium can mean to us. I've been sick most of my life.

There were some Negro leaders who also responded to the Baptists' public plea last week.

"The effect of what the Baptists are doing with the bath house and sanitarium will be felt down the years." This statement was written by Mrs. Addie B. Jones, prominent school teacher of Memphis, Tenn.

Another Negro leader wrote:

"Wherever I go I shall be singing the praises of the Baptists and their leaders for having done an outstanding job in an outstanding manner." The statement was by Mrs. Ruth Jackson, a prominent beautician of Birmingham, Ala., and one of the leaders of the Southern Beauty Congress.

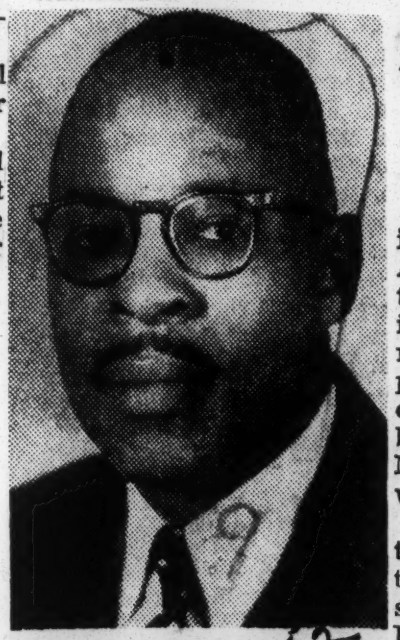
"Every Negro will stand one inch taller and walk a little more proudly because of this racial achievement, and he will take this attitude of confidence into the areas of activity in which he participates."

This statement was made by Jesse Owens internationally famous track star.

But the Baptists will need still more funds to accomplish their goal.

For that reason they are still hoping that those who have not made a contribution will send one as soon as possible to the proper destination.

THREE OF THE OFFICERS of the Women's Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, U. S.A. Inc., who will attend the Sunday School and BTU Congress which meets in Milwaukee, Wis. June 16 through 22 are Mrs. Nannie Burroughs of Washington, D. C., president of the auxiliary; Mrs. Esther Walker Tyree of Columbus, Ohio, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Mauddean Seward of Memphis, Tenn., recording secretary.



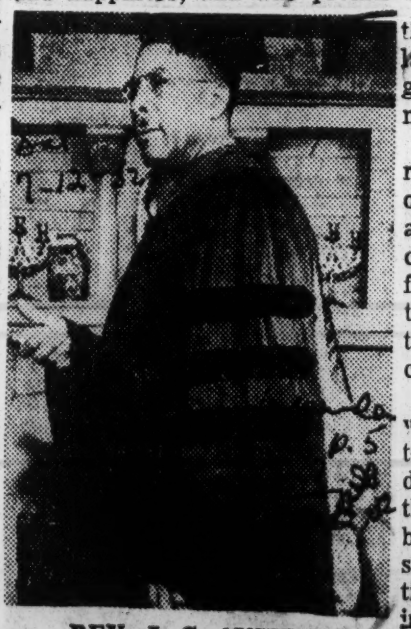
COUNCIL MEMBER — Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church, St. Paul, Minnesota, Rev. Floyd Massey, Jr., was elected to the Council on Missionary Cooperation during recent annual meeting of the American baptist Convention in Chicago. Rev. Massey is first Negro to be elected to council which devises ways and means of raising the unified budget of the convention.

Austin Has Platform, Seeks Man To Back It

Chicago's foremost ministers, the Rev. Junius Caesar Austin, vice-president of the National Baptist Convention of America, this week released an eloquent motion as a follow-up to the eight point program offered the Democrat and Republican conventions by Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Reverend Mr. Austin urges that Negro Americans pledge themselves to give full and united support to the "candidate for the Presidency of these United States of America whose platform and policy stand for true democracy, for equality of all citizens, for a form of government of, for and by the people, or a form of government which makes us one nation, indivisible; a candidate who will give himself unreservedly to the fulfilling of the purposes and needs of the nation under our Constitution which promises full protection and equal rights to all citizens regardless of creed, color or conditions."

The noted Pilgrim Baptist church pastor said that regardless of party, now is the time for Negro citizens to support the man who guarantees to each and every citizen equal rights and protection in his pursuit for life, liberty and happiness, and who promises that every citizen, as a toiler or laborer in the United States, be guaranteed equal and fair employment.



REV. J. C. AUSTIN

"Anything else makes a democracy a deception and our pretense of Christian living a curse," he added, "the United States cannot continue to be the leader in the family of nations if it continues to have the reputation of mistreating people because of their color."

Also in the preacher's motion was the plea to Negro Americans to look upon any candidate with disfavor who attempts to dodge the issue of federal responsibility by proclaiming that the states should handle injustices, inequalities, discriminations and lynchings.

Father and Son—Dr. D. V. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention, which met in Chicago last week, and his son, the Rev. Theodore Jemison, hold a brief conference just before the latter delivered a speech for his father, who is suffering from failing eyesight. Dr. Jemison was re-elected to office for the fourteenth time, shortly after this picture was taken.—Beatty Photo.

Calls For Radical Changes

Document Passed In Chicago Hits At Old Regime

CHICAGO — (ANP) — A new day in the Baptist church dawned here Friday morning as the 72nd annual session of the National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. Inc enthusiastically approved a radical new constitution.

Aimed at the old regime and the perpetuation of the national officers, the new constitution calls for the appointment of a paid executive secretary, limitation of term of office of the national president, the election of nine members at large to the board of directors, an auditor for the church, and a compulsory subscription for enrolled pastors to the National Baptist Voice.

Fighting for the new constitution were Dr. H. H. Humes of Mississippi, the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard of Philadelphia, the Rev. Gardner Taylor of Brooklyn, the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles, the Rev. L. Evans of Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. L. K. Jackson of Gary, Ind.

Heading the fight against the action was the Rev. I. A. Thomas of Evanston. Hailed as a "great new move for progress," the new constitution followed the reelection of Dr. D. V. Jenison of Selma, Ala. as national president and the reelection of the complete slate of national officers.

The new document calls for these big changes:

1. Appointment of a paid executive secretary subject only to orders of the board of directors who "shall devise plans and methods of registration and of receiving convention funds, and have complete supervision of the same upon the approval of the board of directors . . .He shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall have no other employment...The executive secretary shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds designated for the Convention except such funds as may be directed to be sent to other boards."

The executive secretary can be removed only by the board of directors.

At its meeting in January, 1952 in Hot Springs, Ark., the board will select the first secretary.

2. "A president of this Convention shall not be eligible for reelection after he has served four successive terms, until at least one year has lapsed."

This limitation of tenure rule does not apply to national officers other than president. Dr. Jemison came to office in 1941, succeeding the late Dr. L. K. Williams. At a feeble 77, he was considered by many liberals to be too old for office. In the past, national presidents have served for life.

3. "There shall be nine members-at-large to be elected by the Convention annually to serve not more than three years in succession on the board of directors."

In the past the board consisted of national officers and all presidents of state associations.

4. "The Convention shall have an auditor...recommended by the president and approved by the board of directors. The auditor shall be a certified public accountant."

5. "The National Baptist Voice shall be sent to every pastor enrolled in the annual session. For each name registered two dollars shall be deposited in the treasury of the Convention."

This makes the National Baptist Voice a subsidized publication The board of directors will make up its budget.

The question of a new constitution came up Friday morning following a heated Thursday evening meeting which saw the old slate steam rollered back into office despite spoken objections. There were no objections, however, to the reelection of Dr. Jemison.

During the violent Thursday evening discussion, David Jackson, a photographer of Ebony magazine, was assaulted near the platform when a spectator misunderstood his motives for snapping pictures.

On Friday morning the so-called "young radicals" were ready for action. Led by the booming voice of tall, rugged Rev. Evans, who literally took charge of the microphone, the new leaders called for a new day for progress in the Baptist church.

The decisiveness of the action—more than 90 percent of the delegates voted for the change—surprised many persons who had expected the proposal to fall before the power of what they considered "the machine." Dr. Jemison, himself, favored the change.

Other sections of the constitution called for change:

Memberships in the National Convention were raised to the following: churches, 200-500 members, $25; 500-1,000 members, $50, and less than 200, $10.

All messengers in good and regular standing with any church holding membership in the Convention shall be eligible to any office in the Convention.

The church shall operate under eight boards and two commissions as follows:

Boards — board of directors, foreign mission, publishing, home mission, benefit, Baptist Training Union, Educational, and Bath House—Sanatarium, hospital, plus "any other board the Convention may deem necessary for successfully carrying on its work."

Commissions — Baptist Voice and Social Service.

Subsidiary bodies will be the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Sunday School and BYPU Congress and Baptist Laymen's Convention.

Delegates from all parts of the nation are singing the praises of the new constitution. They are claiming it as another step towards true democracy in the Baptist church.

So favorable was the vote for the document that not a single change was made in it before it was approved.

Dr. Jemison Re-elected

Baptists to Miami For 53 Convention

By BERT LOGAN and TED COLEMAN

CHICAGO—Approval of radical revisions in its constitution highlighted the seventy-second annual session of the National Baptist Convention of the USA, Inc., held here last week in the 178th Regiment Armory.

Overshadowing the re-election of the venerable Dr. D. V. Jemison of Selma, Ala., and the entire slate of officers by acclamation was the dramatic move to modernize the convention which represents more than five million members through general revision of the constitution.

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AIMED AT the old regime and the perpetuation of the national officers, the new constitution calls for the appointment of a paid executive secretary, limitation of term of office of the national president, the election of nine members at-large to the board of directors, an auditor for the church, and a compulsory subscription for enrolled pastors to the National Baptist Voice.

A change in membership fees which will mean an income increase of $100,000 annually was also included in the constitution revisions.

Memberships in the national convention were raised to the following:

Churches, 200-500 members, $25; 500-1,000 members, $50, and less than 200 members, $10.

Heading the fight for the new constitution were Dr. H. H. Humes of Mississippi, the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard of Philadelphia, the Rev. Gardner Taylor of Brooklyn, the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles, the Rev. L. Evans of Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. L. K. Jackson of Gary, Ind., and the Rev. S. Amos Brackeen, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KEY MAN in the opposition was the Rev. I. A. Thomas of Evanston.

An equally bitter fight was waged over the site of the 1953 convention with Miami, Fla., choice of a strong Southern bloc getting the final nod.

The executive secretary is to be chosen by the board of directors and can be removed by a vote of this board. First secretary will be chosen at a meeting in January in Hot Springs, Ark.

Other officers re-elected by acclamation were Rev. E. W. Perry, Oklahoma City, vice president-at-large; the Revs. W. D. Carter, Pasadena; T. S. Harten, Brooklyn, and J. H. Jackson, Chicago, regional vice presidents; the Rev. U. J. Robinson, Mobile, secretary; the Revs. W. P. Whitfield, Jackson, Miss.; G. W. Lucas, Dayton; T. Moore King, Joliet, and M. K. Curry, Wichita Falls, Tex., assistant secretaries; the Rev. W. P. Offutt Jr., New York City, secretary of publicity; the Rev. Roland Smith, Atlanta, statistician; the Rev. T. S. Boone, Detroit, historiographer; the Rev. J. Pius Barbour, Chester, Pa., "Voice" editor; the Rev. B. J Perkins, Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer; Col. A. T. Walden, Atlanta, convention attorney.

THE SPEECH of the 77-year-old Dr. D. V. Jemison, entering his fourteenth year as president of the convention, was read by his son, the Rev. Theodore J. Jemison of Baton Rouge, La.

Dr. Jemison urged the group to help make the world more observant of "The Word of the Lord."

"There is only one reason the world finds itself in its present turmoil of weakness," Dr. Jemison said, "It is because the Word of the Lord is being disregarded in so many places."

More than four thousand delegates jammed into the entirely inadequate Armory located in the heart of Chicago's famous stockyards.

President of Baptist Women Cites Improvements, Future Work of Church

By MATTIE SMITH COLIN

CHICAGO, Ill. —(ANP)— Nannie H. Burroughs, president, Womtional Baptist Convention, in an interview here during the recent Baptist convention cited accomplishments of the church but pointed out there is still much the church must do.

Dr. Burroughs said the women of the convention are purchasing a $100,000 retreat for missionaries returning to America on furlough. The building will be a combination hospital, place of rest and study.

Another addition to the organization, she said, came in the form of a donation from southern white Baptists. It is a $200,000 library in Nashville, Tenn.

In discussing areas in which the church still has much to do, the president of the women's group said in part:

"Talk as much as we may about first class citizenship, we all know that under the present inequalities and inadequacies, it is absolutely impossible for the Negro to become a first class citizen.

"Training and employing leaders, whose business it shall be to work for the salvation of the home, the child and the community should be the concern and is definitely the responsibility of the church".

Elaborating on her statement on first class citizenship and attempts to integrate Negroes into American society, Dr. Burroughs said:

"Only a few white people mean to apply democratic principles to the race problem in this country. And only a few Negro leaders really care about the condition of the masses enough to give themselves in service, for their redemption.

"The only way to integration is through cultivation of natural gifts and profound desires. The Negro must want to rise and shine and he must want it so badly that he will not take any substitutes for it

"The churches in Christian America have not tackled their most serious problems right here at home. They talk brotherhood, fellowship and justice here and there and on high occasions, but we have more ingrained racial prejudice than we have religion. We have more contempt for people of color than we have love for Jesus Christ.

"The churches in America have over 78,000,000 members, but their influence and actions on questions of justice and brotherhood are nothing like as effective as is their stand against racial equality".

Mrs. Burroughs then deplored the sorry st[illegible] of colored people today. Among other things, she said:

"There is an increasing and alarming trend towards moral laxity and a determination to escape responsibility. The Negro rural population is actually running from farms and small towns. The streets of our large cities are teaming with them . . . They are packed up in blighted areas only to intensify the staggering race problem".

But in spite of the rather bleak picture she painted, the Baptist auxiliary leader saw some hope She said:

"Christians must take a hopeful view of the future. The church holds the only promise and the only power by which men can be redeemed and brought into fellowship with God and by which brotherhood among all men can be established".

Baptist Women Elect Officers

CHICAGO — (ANP) — The Young Women's Auxiliary division of the Young People's Department, here in connection with the 72nd annual meeting of the National Baptist Convention elected officers to close their meeting, last Saturday morning.

Miss Bessie M. Washington of Anniston, Ala, was elected president. Other officers are Miss Lydia Mae Allen, Denver, Co., first vice president; Miss Elizabeth Parker, Baltimore, second vice president; Miss Annie R. Collins, Cocoa, Fla.; recording secretary; Miss Rosie Ven Jones, Lake Charles, La., assistant recording secretary; Miss Jeannette Matthews, St. Louis, corresponding secretary; Miss Eloy Nicholar, Meridian, Miss., treasurer; Miss Willa Wodlington, Chicago, music director, and Miss Thomasina King, Joliet, Ill., pianist.

The Junior Matrons division, which includes the married young women, has its election of officers next year. Mrs. Fannie Tharpe of Fort Wayne, Ind. is president, and Mrs. Carrie Seward of Detroit is first vice president. Mrs. Martha Brown was crowned queen of the young people.

9 Million In Race Go To 45,000 Churches

NEW YORK—The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., is the third largest protestant religious denomination in America, a report by the National Council of Churches revealed this week.

The Baptist group, with 4,467,000 members, ranks behind the Methodist church (9,000,000 members) and the Southern Baptist Convention (7,373,000 members).

Five major Protestant Negro religious bodies boast a combined membership of over 9,000,000. Eighty-eight million Americans belonged to some church at the end of 1951, the survey revealed.

A breakdown of Negro denominations gives the National Baptist Convention of America 2,645,789 members; African Methodist Episcopal church, 1,166,301 members; African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, 728,150, and the Colored Methodist Episcopal church, 392,167 members.

The five denominations maintain over 45,000 churches. The National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., has over 25,000 places of worship.

The statistics will appear in the Yearbook of American Churches, published annually by the National Council. Dr. Benson Y. Landis is editor.

Changes In Constitution Made At National Baptist Confab

CHICAGO — (ANP) — A new day in the Baptist Church dawned here Friday morning as the 72nd annual session of the U. S. A. Inc. enthusiastically approved a new constitution.

Aimed at the old regime and the perpetuation of the national officers, the new constitution calls for the appointment of a paid executive secretary, limitation of term of office of the national president, the election of nine members at large to the board of directors, an auditor for the church, and a compulsory subscription for enrolled pastors to the National Baptist Voice.

Fighting for the new constitution were Dr. H. H. Humes of Mississippi, the Rev. Marshall L. Shepard of Philadelphia, the Rev. Gardner Taylor of Brooklyn, the Rev. J. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles, the Rev. L. Evans of Nashville, Tenn., and the Rev. L. K. Jackson of Gary, Indiana.

Heading the fight against the action was the Rev. I. A. Thomas of Evanston. Hailed as a "great new move for progress," the new constitution followed the reelection of Dr. D. V. Jemison of Selma, Alabama, as national president and the reelection of the complete slate of national officers.

CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

The new document calls for these big changes:

1 .Appointment of a paid executive secretary subect only to orders of the board of directors who "shall devise plans and methods of registration and of receiving convention funds, and have complete supervision of the same upon the approval of the board of directors He shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall have no other employment .. The executive secretary shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds designated for the Convention except such funds as may be directed to be sent to other boards."

The executive secretary can be removed only by the board of director..

At its meeting in January, 1953 in Hot Springs, Ark., the board will select the first secretary.

2. "A president of this Convention shall not be eligible for reelection after he has served four successive terms, until at least one year has lapsed.

This limitation of tenure rule does not apply to national officers other than president. Dr. Jemison came to office in 1941, succeeding the late Dr. L. K. Williams. At 77, he was considered by many liberals to be too old for office. In the past, national presidents have served for life.

3. "There shall be nine members-at-large to be elected by the Convention annually to serve not more than three years in succession on the board of directors."

In the past the board consisted of national officers and all presidents of state associations.

4. "The Convention shall have an auditor ... recommended by the president and approved by the board of directors. The auditor shall be a certified public accountant."

5. "The National Baptist Voice shall be sent to every pastor enrolled in the annual session. For each name registered two dollars shall be deposited in the treasury of the Convention."

This makes the National Baptist Voice a subsidized publication. The board of directors will make up its budget.

The question of a new constitution came up Friday morning following a heated Thursday evening meeting which saw the old slate reelected despite spoken objections. There were no objections, however, to the reelection of Dr. Jemison.

PHOTOGRAPHER INCIDENT

During the violent Thursday evening discussion, David Jackson, a photographer of Ebony magazine, was assaulted near the platform when a spectator misunderstood his motives for snapping pictures, according to witnesses.

On Friday morning the so-called "young radicals" were ready for action. Led by the booming voice of tall, rugged Rev. Evans who literally took charge of the microphone, the new leaders called for a new day for progress in the Baptist church.

The decisiveness of the action—more than 90 per cent of the delegates voted for the change—surprised many persons who had expected the proposal to fall before the power of what they considered "the machine." Dr. Jemison, himself, favored the change.

OTHER CHANGES

Other sections of the constitution called for change:

Memberships in the National Convention were raised to the following: churches, 200-500 members $25; 500-1,000 members, $50, and less than 200, $10.

All messengers in good and regular standing with any church holding membership in the Convention shall be eligible to any office in the Convention.

The church shall operate under eight boards and two commissions as follows:

Boards—board of directors, foreign mission, publishing, home mission, benefit, Baptist Training Union, Educatonal, and Bath House-Sanitarium- Hospital, plus "any other board the Convention may deem necessary for successfully carrying on its work."

Subsidiary bodies will be the Women's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, Sunday School and BYPU Congress, and Baptist Laymen's Convention.

Delegates from all parts of the nation are singing the praises of the new constitution. They are claiming it as another step towards true democracy in the Baptist church.

So favorable was the vote for the document that not a single change was made in it before it was approved.

Re-Elect Jemison For Final Term

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

The 72nd annual session of the National Baptist convention, USA, Inc., meeting in Chicago last week made history when the progressive elements of the body took over and put through sweepings reforms; most important of which was a four-year limitation on tenure of office.

Ailing venerable Dr. David V. Jemison of Selma, Ala., who was re-elected to his 13th year as president, will automatically retire next year when the convention meets in Miami, Fla. The new law allows an elected officer to seek the office again only after at least one year has elapsed between four years in the office and retirement.

In addition to the limitation on tenure of office, the convention adopted the entire 13-point program of revision as drafted by Revs. Raymond Henderson of Los Angeles, L. K. Jackson of Gary, Ind., and others.

The dramatic floor fight for adoption of the measure was led by Rev. L. Evans of Nashville, Tenn. Debate over the measure was postponed from Thursday evening after tempers flared and the decision on choosing between New York and Miami for the 1953 meeting went into a deadlock. Miami won after a roll call vote of the delegates was taken.

15 HOUR RECESS

After a 15-hour recess, the issue came before the house on Friday morning when the "rebels" marched through to triumphant victory. The new constitution created the posts of executive secretary of the convention and established an office of public relations with a full-time director.

The constitution also provides for setting up machinery to streamline and improve the present cumbersome methods of procedure and administration. It calls for support of Negro businesses and aid to dependent churches. It urged positive action on more interracial membership, saying that Negroes must become more aggressive in eradicating racial lines.

NANNIE BURROUGHS

Baptist Leader

Finally the constitution provides for a new financial system and sets up a permanent transportation committee to minimize the difficult job of moving large groups of delegates to various meeting places.

Mayor Martin H. Kennelly; Lt. Gov. Sherwood Dixon; Congressman William L. Dawson; John H. Sengstacke, editor-publisher of the Chicago Defender; and Sen. Marshall Korshak headed a long list of dignitaries who welcomed the more than 30,000 delegates from all over the country to the city.

The main body of the convention overflowed the 178th Regimental armory where its meetings were held and spilled out into the courtway adjoining. Clear skies and temperatures in the 90's made the tents and booths set up outside give a carnival air to the occasion.

Sandwiched in between the crowded calendar of social events, the six branches of the convention

packed in a heavy schedule of business to transact. There were reports from the six boards which the church operates; namely the Foreign Board under Dr. Marshall Shepard of Philadelphia; the Home Mission board, Dr. M. C. Cleveland, Montgomery, Ala., chairman; the Sunday School Publishing board, Dr. A. M. Townsend, Nashville, executive secretary; the National Benefit board, Rev. J. O. Dixon, Tampa, Fla., chairman; the Baptist Training Union with Dr. J. W. Gayden of Jackson, Miss., chairman; and the Educational board with Dr. Calvin Perkins, Greenville, Miss., chairman.

WOMEN MEET. 9-20-52

Meanwhile, the women under the leadership of Dr. Nannie H. Burroughs of Washington, held their successful meeting at the Tabernacle Baptist church. More than 5,000 women messengers were in attendance at the sessions.

The Laymen's league met at the Liberty Baptist church where under the leadership of J. C. McClendon, president, and James W. Gayles, executive secretary, a 4-day seminar on the convention theme with classes in instruction on "The Task of Christian Leadership in Times Like These."

The Young People under the directorship of Mrs. Etta Versa Frye of Washington, D. C., held its largest and most enthusiastic session yet recorded. The climax of the meeting was a lively Town Meeting of the Air Forum on Thursday evening.

Theodore Frye of Chicago, president of the National Baptist Music convention conducted a busy seminar on theory in gospel and choral music. The convention culminated in commencement exercises at the Greater Harvest Baptist church where certificates of merit were given out for the courses in instruction.

Baptists Urge Poll Tax Repeal

NEW YORK—The 72nd session of the National Baptist Convention of America adopted several resolutions last week urging both presidential candidates to take immediate steps to erase discrimination and calling upon all Baptist churches throughout the United States to support the enactment of laws insuring equal education and employment for all citizens.

The resolutions, signed by G. L. Prince, president of the convention; G. Goings Daniels, secretary; and C. William Black, jr., chairman of the justice committe also urged the repeal of the poll tax law.

The convention, held in various churches throughout New York City, had in attendance more than 7,000 delegates. However, combined delegates from New York, numbered only 300.

An outstanding feature of the Baptist session was the pledge to contribute $12,000 for education, to be distributed to five colleges and siminaries.

All officers of the convention were reelected.

Dr. Henry A. Boyd, secretary of the National Baptist Publishing Board and founder of the progressive Baptist State Convention of New York, was still confined to Polyclinic hospital when the convention ended.

Booker T. Washington Night Speaker

Rev. Gardner C. Taylor, Brooklyn, New York will be guest speaker on Booker T. Washington Night Friday, June 20th, 1952, at the Annual meeting of National Baptist Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Congress - City Auditorium, Kilburn Avenue and State Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Taylor is pastor of Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. He is a member of Local School Board 27 in Brooklyn and Board Member of the Urban League of Greater New York.

Dean Of Congress Honored

Dr. A. Franklin Fisher, of Atlanta, Georgia, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred this week by Selma University. Dr. Fisher is Dean of the National Baptist Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 16-22, 1952, Pastor of West Hunter Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Fisher received his A.B. Degree from Howard University, Washington, D. C., and B.D. Degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York. The general theme of the Congress is "Laying Foundations for Christian Living." The 1952 emphasis "Standards For A Christian Society by Dynamic Adult Christians."

MRS. BESSIE SEARS ESTELL

ELECTED NBSS SECRETARY—Mrs. Bessie Sears Estell (Mrs. J. M.) of Birmingham, was elected secretary of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress at its recent session held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-26. Elected assistant secretary at the 1944 session held in Birmingham, Mrs. Estell, tireless civic and religious leader, served as acting secretary for four consecutive years during the illness of the Rev. Mr. H. T. Sims, of Wichita, Kansas, the latter who had been secretary of the Congress since its organization.

Mrs. Estell was elected, without opposition, upon the recommendation of Dr. W. H. Jernagin, president of the Congress. The Rev. Sims was made secretary-emeritus.

Mrs. Estell, active in civic, educational and religious circles, is principal of the Avondale Elementary School. She holds membership in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and the Tabernacle Baptist Church, the latter pastored by the Rev. Wm. P. Vaughn.

Mrs. Wilhelmina H. Scretchin, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected as assistant secretary.

10,000 Attend Baptist Congress

By B. H. LOGAN

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Approximately 10,000 delegates and visitors from every state in the union attended the forty-seventh annual session of the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress here from June 16-22 in the City Auditorium. Dr. W. H. Jernagin and O. C. Maxwell presided over the sessions.

The keynote address was delivered by the dean of the congress, the Rev. A. Franklin Fisher of Georgia.

HIGHLIGHTS OF the meeting were the pro-congress musical on Monday sponsored and directed by the local committee. Leaders of the concert were: Mrs. Lillian Bowels Pannell and W. O. Moyle, directors; Geneva Dukes, pianist; Gladys Lindsey, pianist; Annie Smith, pianist; Clariee Saunders and Worothy Fisher, pianist.

The addresses by Drs. W. H. Jernagin, D. V. Jemison, E. C. Smith, L. E. Terrell, F. W. Strickland, Kansas; W. R. Brown, Mississippi; R. C. Wallace, secretary, department of Christian education, Sunday School Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn.; A. P. Jackson, Illinois; Dr. Granville Reed, California; Prof. John Halford, Texas; Dr. Gardner Taylor, New York; Dr. R. W. Riley, Tennessee; the Rev. C. R. Williams, assistant secretary, Baptist Training Union Board; Dr. C. Lopez McAllister, president, Salem University, and sermons by the Revs. W. H. Jernagin, T. E. Weems, Ohio; M. E. Wilson, Ohio, and J. R. Retledge, Louisiana.

WELCOME SERVICES

The welcome program on Tuesday evening featured Mayor Frank P. Zeidler, Dr. W. G. Maas, manager, City Auditorium; the Rev. R. W. Lathan, the Rev. J. R. Bradford of the AME Church; Atty. J. T. Dorsey, the Rev. T. T. Lovelace, general chairman of the local committee, and the Rev. S. D. Ross of Michigan.

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DRS. A. M. TOWNSEND, secretary of Sunday School Publishing, and M. C. Allen, president of the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, delivered timely addresses. Lemuel B. Foster of the United States Treasury Department was also a Congress speaker. Atty. J. R. Brawley, participated in the welcome services.

Mrs. W. G. Hynes made a hit with her pictures showing the progress of Negro Baptists.

A pageant "These Are They," written by Mrs. Pauline Campbell was dramatically presented to more than 7,000 loyal Baptists Thursday night. Mrs. Campbell from Michigan was aided in her work by the following: the Rev. S. H. James, Texas; Mrs. M. M. Isaac, Tennessee; the Rev. Porter Hatcher, Kentucky; the Rev. T. O. Chappell, Oklahoma; Mrs. Evelyn M. Jackson, Ohio; Mrs. Grace Burt, Louisiana; Mrs. Etta Frye, Washington, D. C.; the Rev. J. L. Burt, Georgia, and the Rev. H. G. Knight, Virginia. A reception was held for the young people on Thursday night.

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THE MINISTERS' Wives Division and the Pastors' Division were largely attended. Mrs. M. O. Ross of Michigan was leader of the Wives' Division, and Mrs. Julia Borders of Georgia was the instructor.

Leader of the Pastor's Division was the Rev. Roy Love, Tennessee. The following served as instructors: Dr. J. H. Jackson, Illinois; the Rev. V. A. Edwards, Tennessee; the Rev. Merrill Booker, District of Columbia; the Rev. W. H. Borders, Georgia, and the Rev. H. G. Knight, Virginia.

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THE LABORATORY SCHOOL, the graduate division of the Congress, is under the direction of Miss Mildred McTyre of New York. Those assisting Miss McTyre in these advance studies are Mrs. A. A. Banks Jr., Michigan; Mrs. Elnora J. Cooper, District of Columbia, and Charles A. Rowan, Alabama. Dean Fisher is exceedingly proud of this laboratory school of experience.

Pittsburgh will probably be host to the Congress in 1953. Leaders like David A. Delaver, W. A. Arvin, Mrs. B. R. Hairston, the Rev. James B. Cayce, William Lowe, the Revs. S. L. Spear, J. C. Hairston and A. M. Waller, who was assistant secretary of the Pastors' Division, will be supported in using their influence to have the Congress to meet in Pittsburgh.

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National Commission on Religious Organizations of the
National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Dr. Hammond Quits Seton Hall U. For NCCJ Post

SOUTH ORANGE — Dr. Francis M. Hammond, former head of the Philosophy Department, Seton Hall University, has been appointed assistant director, National Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He will begin his new duties this Thursday.

AFRO Told It First

Dr. Hammond's appointment — which the New Jersey AFRO-AMERICAN foretold in its Jan. 19 issue — was announced today (Wednesday) in New York by Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the NCCJ.

The distinguished Catholic scholar will work with the commission's director, the Rev. Allyn P. Robinson, in promoting the objectives of the organization in cooperation with Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious organizations.

Commission's Program

The program of the commission includes:

Working with clergymen, religious educators and seminary students in the field of human relations; organizing seminars and institutes in intergroup relations;

Providing leadership for Summer youth conferences to create wider understanding among the young people of different religious groups; and

Preparing program materials and projects for churches and synagogues throughout the country.

Dr. Clinchy's Tribute

The commission also prepares pamphlets for the armed services, stressing the relationship between brotherhood at home and the defense of democracy in all parts of the world.

Dr. Clinchy hailed the addition of Dr. Hammond to the staff of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

"It brings to the Commission on Religious Organizations, he said, "An experienced worker in the field of intergroup relations who has already won noteworthy recognition."

Dr. Hammond is a director of Catholic Scholarships for colored people.

In 1951, he received the James J. Hoey Award presented annually by the Catholic Interracial Council to a white and a colored lay person making outstanding contributions to the cause of interracial justice.

Born in 1911 at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, Dr. Hammond received his early education in New Jersey schools.

Academic Career

He attended Howard University, New York University, and received his bachelor's degrees from Xavier University, New Orleans (1937), and the University of Louvain, Belgium (1938)

In 1940 he earned the Licentiate in Philosophy from the University of Louvian, and in 1943 the Doctor of Philosophy at Laval University in Quebec.

He began his teaching career in 1940 at Xavier University where he taught philosophy. In 1945 he was made head of the modern language department at Southern University.

Seton Hall Post

The following year he joined the Seton Hall faculty as professor of philosophy. In 1947 he was named head of the Philosophy Department.

In this capacity he supervised a staff of 14 full-time teachers and four priests teaching part-time at Seton Hall.

Other Affiliations

Dr. Hammond is a former member of the executive committee of the Commission on Educational Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

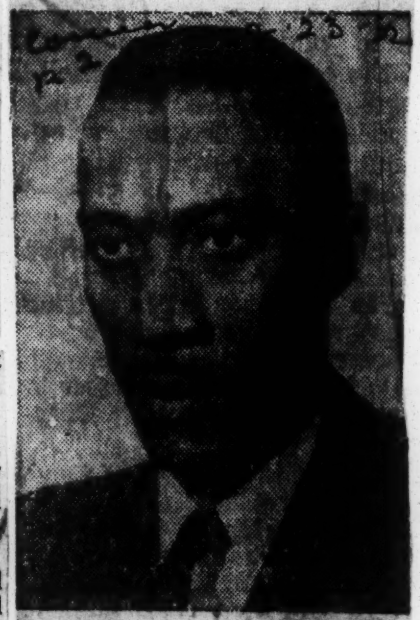
He was a delegate to the third national conference of the United States National Commission for UNESCO, where he participated in the religious organizations group meetings.

He is an active member of the NAACP, the Urban League, and the Civil Rights Commission of Orange, N.J., where he resides with his wife and five daughters.

By Conference of Christians and Jews

Race Prof. Appointed To High National Post

NEW YORK — Dr. Francis M. Hammond, former head of the Philosophy Department of Seton Hall University, has been appointed assistant director of the National Commission on Religious Organizations of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy president of the conference, announced last week.



DR. F. M. HAMMOND
... given new post

Dr. Hammond's appointment was hailed by Dr. Clinchy as bringing to the group "an experienced worker in the field of intergroup relations who has already won noteworthy recognition." Dr. Hammond is a director of Catholic scholarships for Negroes.

Born in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, in 1911, Dr. Hammond was educated in New Jersey public schools, graduating from Howard University, New York University and Xavier University. He also holds degrees from the University of Louvain in Belgium and Laval University in Quebec. He taught at Xavier University from 1940 to 1945 when he went to Southern University.

In 1946 he was appointed to the faculty of Seton Hall University and in 1947 was made head of the Philosophy Department there, supervising fourteen full-time teachers and four priests teaching part time. He is an affiliate of UNESCO in addition to other high posts.

Set Annual Meeting For April 3, 4

BY CHARLES H. BONNER

GARY, Ind.—Members of the executive committee of the National Council of Churches U.S.A. Inc. selected Atlanta, Georgia as the site of the annual meeting of the organization, scheduled for April 3 and 4.

Representatives of a majority of the 11 denominational groups which make up the council met at St. Paul Baptist church Jan. 16 in a mid-winter board meeting with Dr. W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C., chairman of the executive board of the group presiding. Following devotions and roll call, committees were appointed, a statement was made by the council president, Bishop W. J. Walls of Chicago; minutes of the previous meeting were read. A discussion was held on the unfinished business including a constitution and by-laws for a women's division and the selection of a representative to go on a tour of the Korean combat area.

Reports were made by the treasurer and by Dr. George Lucas, Dayton, Ohio, secretary and members of the various commissions.

Resolutions were adopted expressing opposition to universal military training and endorsement of the Harry T. Moore Memorial Fund.

The board urged President Truman and members of Congress to support the passage of Civil Rights legislation.

A highlight of the meeting was the report of the executive secretary of the Call to Prayer Jan. 6, sponsored by the council. Reference was made to the excellent nationwide cooperation with the project which asked all American Christians to join with the council in prayer "in order to bring the plight of the Negro citizen dramatically to the attention of the United States and of the entire world, and to Almighty God." Attention was called to an editorial comment on the project in the Jan. 2, 1952 issue of Christian Century magazine in which the following observation was made "What the Negro Churches Are Concerned With Is Not Theology." They are persuaded that if they can induce their fellow American Christians to join them in praying to God about social justice which is denied them, it will have an effect on those Christians whatever its effect on the diety.

Another highlight preceding the session was a mass meeting held Jan. 15 at the St. Paul Baptist church with Rev. L. K. Jackson, pastor, presiding.

Pastors and congregations of the Gary Midtown Area serving as hosts to the council meeting participated in the public meeting. Visiting clergymen were introduced to the public and a statement on the work of the national council was made by Bishop W. J. Walls, president.

Organized in 1933, the council includes 11 denominational groups. It has met annually since that date. Dr. J. H. Peters of Ebenezer Methodist church, Washington, was selected to represent the council on a tour of the Korean combat area.

Present officers include Bishop W. J. Walls, Chicago, president; Dr. George Lucas, Dayton, Ohio, executive secretary and Dr. W. H Jernagin, Washington, chairman, executive committee.

Council Of Churches To Select Permanent Location

DETROIT, Mich.— The National Council of Churches may select its permanent location this spring, judging by developments at an all-day session of the organization's Headquarters Location Committee, January 18.

The 25-member committee, charged with recommending a city for the future home of the Council, seems likely to conclude its detailed study in time to present its findings to the May meeting of the General Board—the Council's policy-making body—in Chicago.

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, the committee heard from Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Pittsburgh press their claims to be home city for the organization which has a 31,000,000 constituency.

Dr. Dahlberg, former president of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, St. Louis, suceeds Harold E. Stassen as committee chairman. Mr. Stassen, who resigned his chairmanship as he entered the presidential race, continues as a committee member.

At the same session, the committee received communications from New York City inviting the Council to establish headquarters there, as well as offering cooperation from various groups.

In an executive session to consider future moves, the committee authorized Dr. Dahlberg to appoint an interim committee of not more than five members, including himself, and gave it a four-fold job. The interim groups will:

1) Determine time and place for the next meeting, probably in April.

2) Direct further research which it deems advisable.

3) Ascertain whether any of the 29 constituent communions contemplates moving its headquarters, and if so, whether this should be taken into consideration.

4) Bring to the full committee a recommendation on pedmanent location and possibly also an alternate plan.

In clarifying the action, Dr. Earl Frederick Adams, an administrative secretary of the National Council, explained that the interim committee was free not only to recommend a site as a permanent location but also to recommend leasing of a short-term headquarters. At present the business of the National Council is carried on in offices in six buildings in New York and its Division of Christian Education is in Chicago.

Dr. Adams said that a choice for the permanent headquarters probably will be made from among the six cities but the committee is free, if it desires, to consider other communities. In this connection, he disclosed that Indianapolis, through its Council of Churches, had asked reconsideration on the grounds that the committee had acted on inadequate information in eliminating the Indiana city from further consideration. Indianapolis was one of the 12 cities that extended an invitation to the National Council.

Church Research Assistant Is Made Director

NEW YORK, N. Y. — The Rev Ernest Lefever, former research assistant at Yale Divinity School, has been elected associate executive director of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the National Council of Churches it was announced recently by Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Council.

A Church of the Brethren minister, Mr. Lefever was field secretary of World's Alliance of YMCA's from 1945-48, supervising welfare work among German prisoners of war in Europe. Subsequently he conducted two round-the-world tours for Educational Trips for Youth Argosy Inc.

For the past two years, Mr. Lefever has been a writer for a weekly radio program, "Religion at the News Desk," originating in New Haven, Conn. The program, called "a Protestant interpretation of national and world events," is written by a committee of students from Yale Divinity School and Yale Graduate School.

A native of York, Pa., Mr. Lefever attended Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa., Yale Divinity School and the Yale Graduate School.

He was a delegate to the Oslo World Christian Youth Conference in 1947, a member of the Race Relations Department of the former Federal Council of Churches and a former member of the administrative committee of the United Christian Youth Movement. In 1947-48 he served as foreign correspondent from Germany for the Christian Century, undenominational religious journal.

The National Council of Churches' Department of International Justice and Goodwill, headed by Doctor Walter W. Van Kirk, works in the field of international relations to achieve world order and justice. The Department is part of the Council's Division of Christian Life and Work.

Church Council Sidesteps Stand On Segregation

NEW YORK. — (NNPA) — The general board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. ducked taking an official stand on racial segregation in Proestant and Eastern Orthodox churches last Friday by postponing action on adoption of a policy statement on "The Churches and Segregation."

Holding its bi-monthly meeting at the Hotel Commodore here, the board received the statement from the council's division of Christian Life and Work. The statement condemned segregation as "a denial of our Christian faith" and charged that segregation in the United States is given "moral sanction."

Postponement of the vote on the segregation issue was a victory for southern churches. The vote to delay action came after the Rev. John. S. Land of New Orleans, "disassociated" members of the Presbyterian Church of the United States from the statement, and the motion to postpone was made by the Rev. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tenn. The vote was 27 to 15.

The board adopted a statement on "The Churches and the Problems of Narcotic Addiction." The statement calls for increased governmental action at "international, state and local levels," aimed at cutting off the sources of narcotics supply and the establishment of treatment centers and an educational program.

Church Group Delays Action On Anti-Segregation Policy

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — After keen debate, the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. today postponed action on a proposed policy against segregation.

It was the first time the council, which represents most major Protestant and orthodox denominations in America, had taken up the question of the churches and segregation.

The debate saw one Negro delegate favoring and another opposing the postponement.

The final 27 to 15 vote deferred until June 11 action on a document designed to put the council on record for a "non-segregated church and a non-segregated society."

Episcopal Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, council president, urged "most careful study" of the proposal before the June meeting, which will be held in Chicago.

The postponement was at a bi-monthly session of the council's board, made up of delegates from each of the 29 affiliated denominations with some 31 million members.

The vote came after the Rev. John S. Land, of New Orleans, of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. (Southern), "disassociated" his denomination from the proposal.

Mrs. Abbie C. Jackson, a Negro of Louisville, Ky., representing the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, said the delay "would be letting down a large number of members of our churches throughout the country."

But Bishop W. J. Walls, of Chicago, representing the same denomination favored the delay, saying he wanted to allow time for "the largest group of Christians in the United States" to get together "on this most important question."

Mrs. William S. Terrell, a West Hartford, Conn., delegate of the American Baptist Convention, drew applause when she said the board should make clear the delay was only to gain "a more united front" and not for lack of moral principle.

Powell Says Group Crucified Christ On Cross Of Bigotry

BY THE SCOTT NEWS SYNDICATE
Special To The Atlanta Daily World

NEW YORK CITY — (SNS) — Members of the Abyssian Baptist Church, visibly stirred by delaying tactics on the segregation issue, voted at two regular church meetings to resign from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States.

The action by the Harlem communicants Sunday came after the council's general board last Friday refused to adopt a policy statement that vigorously denounces segregation.

The church balloting followed a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., who sharply criticized the council's decision to postpone action on the 3,500-word document denouncing segregation as "a denial of our Christian faith" and in "diametric" opposition to what Christians believe about the dignity of man.

Dr. Powell, a Democrat representative in the Congress from the Twenty-second District of New York, posed the question: "How can we expect the legislators of America to be more Christ-like than their clergymen?"

He addressed his remarks to members of his church, the largest Protestant church in the country, whose latest reported enrollment of communicants is 12,000—most of whom are Negroes.

The general board of the National Council of Churches is expected to take action on the racial issue at its June 11 meeting in Chicago. At the time the Abyssinian Baptist Church took issue with the council, the national church body had before it a revision of a statement approved in 1946 by the former Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, which was absorbed in the council in 1950.

Dr. Powell attacked the council's stand in sermons in which he urged that the council "call and immediately have a meeting and reconsider this subject."

The resolution, adopted by more than 2,000 communicants attending two morning services, declared in its preamble that racial segregation "is the most acute question facing the world today." The delaying action of the council was called "an open breach upon the true tenets of Christianity."

"Such tactics are yielding to the minority voices of those who represent the reactionary churches of the South," the resolution stated. "There can never be any true autonomy of the World Church movement apart from total integration of the Negro churches in the whole affairs of Christendom. It is high time that discrimination be erased from every phase of Christian life," it added.

Dr. Powell asserted that "Today, the best idea in the world—democracy—is being defeated by the worst idea in the world—communism."

He added:

"The leadership of the Christian Church has abdicated its position in American life. Christian ministers, as indicated by the action of the council, have again crucified Jesus on the cross of bigotry, and modern-day Judases have sold Him for thirty pieces of white supremacy silver."

Church Council Defers Action On Segregation

Proposed Policy Statement Is Laid Aside at Session Here of General Board

The official stand of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. on racial segregation in Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches was left undecided yesterday when the Council's General Board voted to postpone action concerning adoption of a policy statement on "The Churches and Segregation." The board held its bi-monthly meeting in the Hotel Commodore.

The statement, submitted by the council's Division of Christian Life and Work, condemned segregation as "a denial of our Christian faith" and charged that segregation in the United States is given "moral sanction" by the fact that own life and practice.

Vote of Postponement

The vote of postponement of the segregation issue came after the Rev. John S. Land, of New Orleans, for the Presbyterian Church of the United States, "disassociated" his members from the proposal, and after the motion to postpone was made by the Rev. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tenn. The vote was 27 to 15.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Council's General Board yesterday was a policy statement on "United States Immigration and Naturalization Policy" expressing the belief that the adoption by Congress of "enlightened" immigration and naturalization laws would "add immeasurably to the moral stature of the United States" and would "hearten those nations with which we are associated in a common effort to establish the conditions of a just and durable peace."

The resolution calls for adoption of a more flexible quota system, elimination of discriminatory provisions based upon color, race or sex, and the establishment of fair hearings and appeals regarding the issuance of visas and deportation proceedings.

Narcotics Curbs Urged

A statement on "The Churches and the problems of Narcotic Addiction" was also adopted by the board. It calls for increased governmental action at "international, state and local levels," aimed at drying up the sources of narcotic supply and the establishment of treatment centers and an educational program.

A resolution urging member churches to give careful study to the report of the United States Senate subcommittee on "Ethical Standards in Government," including a commendation of the subcommittee for its report, was also adopted by the council's general board yesterday.

Segregation Issue Evaded By Protestants

NEW YORK (NNPA) — The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. ducked taking an official stand on racial segregation in Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches last Friday by postponing action on adoption of policy statement on "The Churches and Segregation."

Holding its bi-monthly meeting at the Hotel Commodore here, the board received the statement from the council's Division of Christian Life and Work. The statement condemned segregation as "a denial of our Christian faith" and charged that segregation in the United States is given "moral sanction."

POSTPONEMENT of the vote on the segregation issue was a victory for southern churches. The vote to delay action came after the Rev. John S. Land of New Orleans, "disassociated" members of the Presbyterian Church of the United States from the statement, and the motion to postpone was made by the Rev. John Q. Schisler of Nashville, Tenn. The vote was 27 to 15.

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SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, June 16 (AP) — Predominantly white church denominations now have more than 40 Negro missionaries working abroad.

That fact came out in a report made to the North American Assembly on African Affairs, which opened today at Wittenberg College.

The assembly is sponsored by the Africa committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. More than 300 delegates of African governments, the United States State Department, the United Nations, and representatives of thirty major Protestant denominations are at the assembly.

Before World War II these denominations employed only 10 Negro missionaries abroad, the report said.

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The Methodist Church has eleven Negro missionaries: Four in India, three in Africa, two in Brazil, and two in Borneo.

Council Board Urges Action

CHICAGO—The National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA voted last Wednesday to take up the torch in the crusade for the ending of racial segreagation in member churches, schools and society throughout the nation.

In an historic meeting here, the council's general board adopted a program that calls for a "non-segregated society," with representatives of the Presbyterian Church refusing to vote for fear it would "cause a disruption of the racial gains our church has been making."

This move was spearheaded by the work of Oscar Lee, chairman of the Council's Department of Racial and Cultural Relations.

The Rev. John Land, pastor of St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, one of the two Presbyterian representatives, asserted that the board's statement placed "undue stress on coercion and would cause disruption and ill will among the races."

South Wants Gradualism

Continuing, the Dixie minister declared that "The sweeping changes advocated by this document must be done gradually. You cannot establish the kingdom by force." Others felt that it can be established only by force—moral force. Dr. Benjamin Lacey, of Richmond, Va., introduced a substitute statement which was defeated.

"Why The Church?"

Dr. Henry A. Loyd, secretary, publishing board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Nashville, stated that in the home where colored persons cooked the the meals of whites and brought up their children, there is no segregation.

"Why, he asked, "does segregation then exist in the church?"

In its indictment of segregation, the Council Board criticized the practice because:

(1) It subjects sections of our population to constant humiliation and forces upon them moral psychologcal handicaps; (2) the theory of "separate but equal" treatment under a segregation system never works; (3) it cuts off millions of citizens from free access to means of making a living;

(4) Large numbers of citizens are disfranchised and discriminated against as a result of fears and mutual suspicions, and (5) it increases and accentuates racial tensions, as shown by the infrequent number of race riots in neighborhoods with mixed populations.

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean-emeritus of Yale University Divinity School, said "Nothing that can ever come before his council is of such momentous importance as the principle contained in this document. This is a test on whether the churches dare to live up to their principles."

Dr. Pitt Beers of NYC, member of the home mission board of the American Baptist Convention, pointed out that segregation "does not apply just to colored-white relations. It is just as applicable to Orientals, American Indians and Jews. Race tensions are a national problem, not sectional."

'Slavishly' Follow Custom

Declaring that the churches in their institutions and employment practices have followed "slavishly the segregation pattern of public schools and institutions, the council's statement called upon them to set their "houses in order."

The statement demanded that the churches and church schools take steps to seek unsegregated residential communities where day-to-day relations will develop among people of all races, colors, creeds and national origins."

The board voted to move the council's headquarters to the Midwest some time after 1962. New York will remain temporary headquarters until the new office is established. A 10-man committee is to select the new site before the end of the year.

Church Council Adopts Policy Against Bias

Spearheaded by the work of Oscar Lee, the general board of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA pledged its member churches to the task of establishing of a non-segregated church and a non-segreagated society.

The board voted with only two abstentions and no votes against it to adopt a statement calling for member churches ((29 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations) to end Jim Crow within their own spheres of operation.

In other action at the NCCC board meeting, the Council voted New York as temporary national headquarters for the next 10 years and that a midwestern city, yet to be chosen, eventually become the national headquarters.

Action taken on segregation climaxed months of haggling over this issue which has stood ever since the Council was formed in 1950. Only outspoken opponents of the proposal were two delegates from the Presbyterian church U. S., representing southern Presbyterians.

Church Council Believes Race Relations Better

NEW YORK—There are hopeful signs that the U. S. is moving forward toward greater "unity in race relations," a special message issued this week by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. declared.

Prepared for Race Relations Sunday to be observed February 10, the message entitled, "Of One Blood," called on the churches "to hasten" the day when all people will "not only tolerate one another, but love each other."

"A revolution in race relations has been taking place in America in the last decade," the message asserted, "old fetters are breaking and a new spirit of reconciliation is abroad in the land."

In connection with the message, Dr. J. Oscar Lee, executive director of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council announced a series of positive actions taken by the churches to further inter-racial understanding.

He said that churches, either individually or in groups, have pressed for the elimination of segregation to wipe out lynching and mob violence and worked with employer groups, professional organizations and unions to establish employment practices based on skill and character rather than race, color, or national origin.

Other measures taken by the churches, Dr. Lee said, are efforts to ban restricted housing covenants, support for decent housing conditions for all people, and a careful scrutiny of their own racial attitudes and practices.

But despite these encouraging trends, the Race Relations message declared, "the vague fact of color" and the vaguer theories of race" often win out over the "deeper fact" of the brotherhood of all men.

Drawing attention to the fact that the Christian faith "condemns all racial divisions," the message noted that the churches themselves have "succumbed largely to racial lines."

Rev. Edwards New Director Of Tuskegee Program

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. (ANP) — The Rev. V. A. Edwards, Nashville, Tenn., last week became the new director of religious extension at Tuskegee Institute here. The program is sponsored jointly by the board of home missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and Tuskegee.

Prior to coming to Tuskegee, Rev. Edwards was director of the rural church program of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. He has written several books articles and pamphlets on the subject. Among his articles were:

"The Church at Work in the Rural Community;" "The Task of the Church in Town and County Communities;" "The Church Community Council;" "Programs and Stories for Worship Aids to Youth Groups;" "The Rural Church Facing Its Problems," and many others.

Churches In America Have 33,691,852 Membership

NEW YORK — The "family" of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, in the U. S. A. — 29 constituent communions — embraces 33,691,852 church members, 143,098 churches and 122,769 pastors having charges.

The latest official statistics for the National Council of Churches are compiled by the National Council's Department of Research and Survey, for the Year Book of American Churches, which was published September 15.

Numerically, the National Council of Churches is the largest religious organization in the United States. A detailed table of statistics for the constituent communions of the National Council follows:

	Number of Churches	Inclusive Membership	Pastors Having Charges
African Methodist Episcopal	5,878	1,166,301	5,878
African Methodist Episcopal Zion	3,090	728,150	3,440
American Baptist Convention	6,706	1,554,304	5,500
Augustana Evangelical Lutheran	1,121	465,062	763
Church of the Brethren	1,030	186,358	818
Colored Methodist Episcopal	2,469	392,167	1,820
Congregation Christian	5,620	1,241,477	3,280
Czech-Moravian Brethren	32	4,090	6
Danish Evangelical Lutheran	82	19,899	63
Evangelical United Brethren	4,457	720,544	3,128
Evangelical and Reformed	4,457	720,544	3,128
Friends-Five Years Meeting	490	68,612	279
Friends of Philadelphia & Vicinity	46	5,743	none
International Convention of Disciples of Christ	7,835	1,792,985	3,692
Methodist	39,961	9,065,727	21,979
Moravian	149	43,856	122
National Baptist Convention of America	10,851	2,645,789	27,237 *
National Baptist Convention U. S. A., Inc.	25,350	4,467,779	25,350
Presbyterian U. S.	3,665	702,266	1,872
Presbyterian U. S. A.	8,317	2,364,112	5,343
Protestant Episcopal	7,116	2,417,464	6,473 *
Reformed in America	767	187,256	278
Romanian Orthodox of America	47	50,000	no report
Russian Orthodox of America	399	400,000	no report
Seventh Day Baptist	60	6,187	45
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox	77	75,000	77
Ukranian Orthodox of America	47	40,250	34
United Lutheran	3,860	1,925,506	2,918
United Presbyterian	830	219,027	594
	143,098	33,691,852	122,769

* Total ordained clergy.

Dr. R. P. Daniel Named V.-Pres. Of Church Body

PETERSBURG, Va. — Dr. Robert P. Daniel, president of Virginia State College, was elected one of six vice-presidents-at-large of the National Council of Churches of Christ of the United States of America at its meeting held recently in Denver, Colo.

The Council includes 30 denominations, and representatives of 147,000 American churches attended the Denver meeting at which Dr. Daniel was elected to the position. The National Council is successor to the original Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

DR. DANIEL, a member of the National Baptist Convention, is a former president of the Association of Northern Baptist Educational Institutions. For fourteen years he was president of Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C.

The college head was also recently named vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Negro Land Grant Colleges and vice-chairman of the Virginia Advisory Committee on Schools and Colleges.

NEW COUNCIL OFFICERS — Bishop A. W. Womack, fifth from left, succeeds Bishop W. J. Walls as president of the National Fraternal Council of Churches which ended its conference here Friday. Other council officers (left to right) are Dr. H. I. Bearden, Mrs. Geneva Haugabrooks, George Lucas, Mrs. Dollie J. Alexander, Mrs. W. H. Jernigan, Dr. W. H. Borders, and Dr. W. H. Jernigan. — (Adair's Photo)

Rep. Powell Leads Flock's Withdrawal

Abyssinian Quits Church Council

Refusal to Take Firm Stand Against Race Bias Causes Action; Rift Widens

NEW YORK—(ANP)—The Abyssinian Baptist Church congregation, the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, pastor, last week voted to withdraw from the National Council of Churches over the council's decision to postpone action of segregation in churches.

Earlier in the week the council had voted 27-15 to defer action designed to put the council on record for a "non-segregated church and a non-segregated society." The voting found one Negro delegate favoring and another opposing the postponement.

The postponement was at a bimonthly session of the council's board, made up of delegates from each of the twenty-nine affiliated denominations with some 31,000,000 members. Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, council president, urged "more careful study" of the proposal.

BESIDES ACTION taken by the congregation of Abyssinian Church, some seventy-five AME Church ministers met at Bethel AME Church here and adopted a resolution calling for reconsideration of the questions by the council before the June 11 meeting to be held in Chicago.

The Rev. Mr. Powell, pastor of the church which claims to have the largest Protestant congregation in the country, denounced the council's decision and termed it "an open breach upon the true tenets of Christianity." He urged the council to "call and immediately have a meeting and reconsider this subject."

He added:

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BISHOP D. Ward Nichols of the AME Church issued a statement "roundly condemning the failure of the National Council to take positive action on racial segregation," but said his church would not withdraw from the Protestant organization.

In voting against a delay in consideration of segregation in churches, Mrs. Abbie C. Jacksom, Louisville, Ky., representing the AME Zion Church, said the delay "would be letting down a large number of our churches throughout the country."

But Bishop W. J. Walls of Chicago, representing the same denomination, favored the delay. He said he wanted to allow time for "the largest group of Christians in the United States" to get together "on this most important question."

Mrs. William S. Terrell, a West Hartford, Conn., delegate of the American Baptist Convention, said the board should make clear the delay was only to gain "a more united front" and not for lack of moral principle.

But Dr. Ralph Lloyd, of Maryville, Tenn., of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., Northern, objected to the delay, and said the proposal should be endorsed "as soon as possible."

National Fraternal Council of Churches To Meet

ATLANTA, Ga. — (ANP) — Some 11 church denominations representing more than 8,000 church members will be hosts to the annual session of the National Fraternal Council of Churches, Inc., which meets here April 2-4.

Among the noted church leaders who are outlining plans for the meeting are: The Revs. H. I. Bearden, M. L. King, W. M. Borders, R. B. Chorts, W. B. Turner, Bryson and Dr. Rufus Clement.

Bishops who will participate include J. W. E. Bowen, Arthur W. Womack and S. L. Greene.

The National Fraternal Council of Churches, Inc., was organized more than 20 years ago by Bishop Reverdy Ransom, R. A. Carter and the later Dr. L. K. Williams. Its purpose is to unite the strength of the group to work for the betterment of the social, economic and political life of minority groups. It has a bureau in Washington.

Officers include: Bishop W. J. Walls, president; W. H. Jernagin, chairman of the executive board, and the Rev. George W. Lucas, executive secretary. A new president will be elected at this meeting.

Bishop A. Womack Named by Council

ATLANTA, Ga. (ANP)—The National Fraternal Council of Churches of the U.S.A. Inc., during its national annual session at Wheat St. Baptist Church, recently drafted Bishop Arthur W. Womack of Indiana to be president.

The Bishop succeeds a number of noted presidents. Among them are: Bishop R. C. Ransom, AME Church; the late Bishop J. A. Bracy, CME; Dr. J. M. Bracy, St. Louis, Mo.; Bishop A. P. Shaw, the Methodist Church; Bishop John Clayborn, AME; W. H. Jernagin, National Baptist Convention, and Bishop William J. Walls, AME Zion.

Bishop Womack formerly was pastor in Philadelphia, Washington, Detroit, St. Louis, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., Indianapolis, Ind., and Dayton, Ohio. The council was one of the chief sources which made possible for Bishop J. A. Gregg and Bishop W. J. Walls to visit war fronts and influence legislation in behalf of minorities.

National Survey To Select Sermon Topics

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NEW YORK—The first national survey of sermon subjects will be featured in the July issue of Guideposts, according to Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Editor in Chief. The magazine's readers will be asked to fill out a simple questionnaire which closes the center spread article entitled, "What subjects for a sermon interest you most?"

The questionnaire has two parts. Section No. 1 asks the reader to check from a list of eight, those two sermon subjects which are of most interest to him.

Section No. 2 allows the reader to write in a sermon subject or subjects on which a sermon would be most helpful. To help in making a special analysis of the findings, this Guideposts questionaire asks for the reader's religious persuasion and an indication of church attendance, whether regularly, frequently, or seldom. Fill-out forms are mailed tothe publication at Pawling, N. Y.

Guideposts magazine is ideally suited to make this national study because it is approved and read by members of all three faiths. It plans to announce the findings in a fall issue. This will help ministers and churches in their fall services.

Many clergymen will want to make this same survey of sermon subjects among their own congregations. Therefore, Guideposts is making special arrangements for quantity reprints of the article and questionnaire for those who write the magazine at Pawling, N. Y. Church leaders believe this is apt to be one of the most helpful pieces of religious research made in a long time.

The project was suggested and developed for Guideposts by Willard A. Pleuthner, author of the religious best-seller, "Building Up Your Congregation," and a vice president of Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborn. It puts on a national basis and a local basis the same type of tested surveys which various churches have used throughout the country.

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Non-Sectarian Christian Organization

Honored For Christian Service

DR. ARCHIBALD J. CAREY, JR.

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. Archibald J. Carey, Jr., pastor of Quinn Chapel and Alderman of the Third Ward, was one of five persons honored for outstanding Christian service on Sunday, October 5, by the Chicago Sunday Evening Club, famed downtown, non-sectarian, Christian organization. The occasion was the observance of the publication of the new version of the Holy Bible and launched the forty-sixth season of the Sunday Evening Club, which holds services and presents outstanding speakers each Sunday night at Orchestra Hall.

The gift was a "presentation copy" of the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible which was published in the month of September. Only five were allotted to each city and were designated for the persons who had made the outstanding contribution of Christian service to their respective fields.

Dr. Carey's read, "This copy is given to Reverend Archibald J. Carey in appreciation of your efforts to apply the principles of Christianity to the field of democratic government in Chicago."

The other persons honored were: Lawrence A. Kimpton, Chancellor of the University of Chicago; Dr. Gerhard W. Grauer, President of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago; Miss Anne Brown, President of the United Christian Youth Fellowship of Chicagoland; and John Nuveen, President of the Sunday Evening Club.

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ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL FAITH
AND INTER-RACIAL CHURCHES.

Orthodox Christian Spiritual Churches End Successful 20th Annual Assembly

SACRAMENTO, Cal. — The 20th annual national Assembly of the National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union., (Incorporated) United States of America, representing the Orthodox Christian Spiritual Faith and Inter-racial Churches for All Nations, with Archbishop David William Short, Primate, president and founder, of Des Moines, Iowa., officiating, ends successfully.

The assembly was held at David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church, 3779 9th Avenue, with the Rev. David A. Perry, pastor - host. Among the prominent ministers who delivered sermons on program in the assembly are as follows: — Dr. Bishop N. K. Panchel, Senior Bishop of the Orthodox Christian Spiritual Faith and Churches for All Nations, Practicing in Christ, of Bombay, India., Right Rev. George B. Hills, National Spiritual Evangelist, of Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. C. E. Davis, pastor and evangelist of San Francisco, Calif., Rev. G. Johnson, pastor, of Sacramento Calif., Rev. W. D. Short, pastor and evangelist, of Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. G. W. Watkins, pastor, of Kansas City, Mo., Rev. David O. Perry, pastor, of Sacramento, California; and Archbishop David William Short, primate and president, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Proxy addresses were read to the assembly from: — Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson Senior Bishop and General overseer of the Church of God, of Queens village, N. Y., Rev. William D. Short, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Prof. R. J. Simmons, of Duluth, Minn.

The agenda was as follows: in the executive board meeting the delegates passed the following resolutions for the fiscal year 1953; For world peace: for temperance, for a federal F.E.P.C. law, for a federal anti-lynching law, for a federal civil rights law, for a federal anti-racial discrimination law, for a change of the U. S. senate and house rules to limit debate, and for majority rule, against racial discrimination in so-called Christian churches.

The Archbishop proclaimed a special nation-wide crusade for new members and the organizing of new spiritual churches in 1953. To head this spiritual crusade Archbishop Short, Primate of the National diocease, officially appointed and certified the Right Rev. George B. Hills, of Los Angeles, Calif., the Rev. David Owen Perry, of Sacramento, Calif., and Dr. Bishop N. K. Panchel, Sr. Bishop of India. They have been certified as national and inter-national spiritual evangelists, teachers, message-bearers, gifted divine healers and spiritual church organizers.

During the national executive board meeting the following officers were affirmed for the year 1953, to-wit:— national officers: Abp. David William Short, primate, president and founder office and headquarters - 1729 E. Walker St., Des Moines 16, Ia. Rev. Miss Edith Miller, 2nd vice-president, 1422 1-2 E. 18th St., Kansas City, Mo. Rev. G. H. Watkins, 3rd vice-president, 2319 Campbell St., Kansas City, Mo. Missionary Nancy Christian Short, executive secretary-treasurer, 1729 E. Walker St., Des Moines, Ia. Missionary Goldie Sampson, recording secretary, 1905 E. 16th St., Kansas City Mo. 1905 E. 16th St. Kansas City Mo. national deacon Olie Williams Archbishop's Attendant, 1422 1-2 E. 18th St. Kansas City, Mo., Missionary Emma J. Williams, chairman of Archbishop's Welfare League, 1422 1-2 E. 18th St. Kansas City, Mo., Rev. David Owen Perry 3334 Sacramento Blvd., Sacramento, nation church Organizer., Right Rev. George B. Hills, 1729 E. Walker St., Des Moines, Ia., national church organizer., Dr. Bishop N. K. Panchel, Bombay, India., inter-national church organizer.

Trustees and board of directors: - Abp. David William Short, president and general chairman., Rev. G. H. Watkins, and Rev. Miss Edith Miller, chairmen., Missionary Nacy C. Short, executive secretary., Rev. David O. Perry, Rt. Rev. G. B. Hills, and Dr. Bishop N. K. Panchel.

The 21st, annual national assembly in 1953 will be held at the national headquarters of the Universal Christian Spiritual Federation of Spiritual Churches, (Inc.) U.S.A., 1316 Vermont Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Bynum On 5-Man Presbyterian Team To Make European Tour

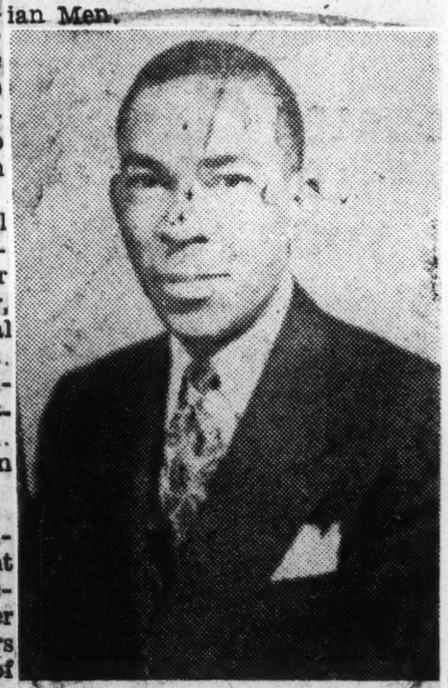
A representative group of Presbyterian laymen will spend three weeks visiting laymen in six European countries late this summer under the sponsorship of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The purpose of the deputation is to help interpret American Protestantism to Europeans, and in turn to bring back from European laymen a message for American laymen.

Among the group of five who will make up the team, which is interracial, are a manufacturer, a labor union official, a banker, a farmer, and an officer of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The team will leave New York's International Airport (Idlewild) Tuesday, August 26, 1952, at 6 p. m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time on Flight 960, TWA.

Chairman of the European Deputation is Edmund Wolfe, president of the First National Bank, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and a former president of the American Bankers Association. He is also president of the Bridgeport Housing Project, one of the outstanding of such projects in this country. Mr. Wolfe is treasurer of the Naticnal Council of Presbyterian Men and a member of the Church's Board of Foreign Missions, serving as chairman of the Board's Laymen's Committee.

Charles Bynum, 120 Broadway, New York City, director of Interracial Activities of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and formerly assistant to the president of Tuskegee Institute, is also a member of the team. He is an elder and member of the Men's Club of St. James Presbyterian Church, New York City. A third member is Lloyd Collins, machine tool manufacturer from Detroit, Michigan. He is vice-president and general manager of the Schroeder Machine Company. He is president of the Michigan Council of Presbyterian Men, an elder and superintendent of the church school in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Detroit.

Other members of the team are Ernest Thomas, Jr., 1345 E. Eyre Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Machinist and treasurer of Lodge 159, International Association of Machinists (affiliate of the A. F. of L.) and active member of First Presbyterian Church of Kensington; and A. E. Aitchison, Cascade, Iowa, agriculturist who is also a leader in the National Council of Presbyterian Men.



CHARLES BYNUM

Standing In The Way

Colored Presbyterians in the Atlantic Synod which comprises more than 100 churches with 9,000 members in South Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida, are overwhelmingly in favor of abolishing segregation in the church.

Repeated requests have been addressed to the General Assembly of the church asking an end to the un-Christlike practice of separating Presbyterians according to race.

The General Assembly, in response to these demands, scheduled a meeting of the Mission board to review the whole issue of segregation. This meeting was held recently at Irmo, S.C.

But leaders of the Atlantic Synod who attended the Irmo meeting appeared to be completely out of step with the times as well as with the wishes of a majority of their members.

Their unanimous vote to continue the outmoded segregated pattern was a shock to all churchmen present, a betrayal of those they were sent to represent and an affront to the teachings of Christ they profess.

Theirs was an unfortunate example of men too long in power, too blind to see and too stubborn to concede that the parade of progress has long since passed them by.

Presbyterian Missions Name Evangelism Aide

The Rev. Dr. Jesse B. Barber

The Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has announced the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Jesse Belmont Barber as associate secretary of the division of evangelism, effective Jan. 1.

Negro, White Presbyterian Churches Vote Merger In San Francisco, Calif

SAN FRANCISCO — Two San Francisco Presbyterian churches, have announced their intention to unite. One is entirely white and the congregation of the second entirely Negro.

By unanimous vote of the membership of both congregations. The historic Westminister Presbyterian one of the city's oldest, and the Hope Presbyterian, the all-Negro Church that is only three years old Agreed to affiliate.

The official union will be observed May 4 and the name Westminister will be retained. Reverend Wesley L. Hawes, Negro leader of the Hope Church, was selected for the pastor.

Dr. Hawes explained that the population pattern in the 12-block area the two churches serve caused the decision to unite, he said that in the past several years. members of the Hope Church have been moving their residences Southward into the neighborhood of the Westminister Church.

At the same time, the once large congregation of the Westminister Church has dropped to only 40 members because its former church goers were moving from the neighborhood.

The Hope Church, in the meantime, was suffering increasing over-crowding.

Negro and White Presbyterians Merge 2 San Francisco Parishes

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4 (UP). — A Negro congregation with cramped quarters and a white Presbyterian parish whose pioneers built a church much too large for the present fifty members solved their problems today.

The Westminster Church, built in 1867 in a fashionable section of San Francisco, has a new pastor, Negro Minister Wesley L. Hawes, and has doubled its congregation by taking into membership the Rev. Mr. Hawes' entire flock from Hope Church.

"From now on we hope to be considered simply an all-Christian congregation," Pastor Hawes, a slim, scholarly man, said. The thirty-five-year-old Negro minister has a white assistant, the Rev. Orville E. Chadsey, twenty-seven.

The merger of the two parishes is the first union of its kind in the West, according to church authorities.

In 1947 the Rev. Mr. Hawes started with a small house which he conducted as a community recreation center at 1776 Ellis St., in an area of the city where many Negroes live. Two years later he consecrated the building as Hope Presbyterian Church.

Almost immediately he had space problems, finding his house too small for the congregation. Westminster Church, at Page and Webster Sts., was having other problems. Services were being held in a small chapel adjoining the church and even the chapel was seldom filled. To add to that, the pastor left for another assignment.

The Rev. Pyron McMillen, associate general presbyter of San Francisco, told what happened next.

"The people from the two churches met and discussed their mutual problems. Because they had a problem they leaped barriers which ordinarily are not leaped. They were ordinary people, getting together of necessity in a very Christian way."

"My task is to help people become Christians," Pastor Hawes says. "If people become really Christians—then, I feel, racial problems will solve themselves."

Both the white parishioners of Westminster and its new Negro parishioners from Hope Church voted 100 per cent for the merger.

"This thing has brought a new life into the church," said one middle-aged woman, a long-time member of the Westminster parish.

The Rev. Mr. Hawes' new parish has been cited as an example for the Christians of the United States and a demonstration to the Communists of real democracy. The quiet, ascetic pastor said it is "God's answer to a prayer."

"At a time like this, when our democracy is being ridiculed from within and without, our new church is tangible evidence that our way of life is good. It reassures us in democracy," Mr. Hawes said.

Hawes, announced the unanimous decision of both congregations Friday as "a firm, tangible demonstration of our Christian democracy at the time it is being criticized."

His 60 Negro parishioners shortly will move from their crowded, dilapidate, store-like facilities at Hope Presbyterian to worship with the 40 members of Westminster Presbyterian who have a spacious old church.

The decision to merge the 85-year-old white church and the 3-year-old Negro church was taken after the white pastor resigned to become a chaplain.

"The action provides a dramatic answer to the frequent accusations of the Communists that racial tensions are an inherent part of democracy," Louis A. Petersen, spokesman for the north coastal area of the Presbyterian Church, observed.

St. Andrews To Get $100,000 From White Presbyterians

Under a Charleston, West Va dateline the past week, it was announced that St. Andrews Presbyterian church of Nashville will receive One Hundred Thousand Dollars from a Two Million Dollar Fund the Presbyterans will raise.

It was stated that of the Two Million Dollars to be raised One Million Dollars will go to Stillman College at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the other million will be used to strengthen Negro churches throughout the Assembly. The sum for St. Andrews church, it is stated, is being raised by white churches in Tennessee.

Two Frisco churches, white, Negro, merge

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26—(AP)—Two San Francisco Presbyterian congregations—one entirely Negro, the other entirely white—are forming a single church under a Negro pastor.

The minister, the Rev. Wesley L.

China's First Missionary Returns With New Vision

By GLADYS P. GRAHAM

NEW YORK— (ANP) —The first Negro missionary in China is back home. The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. sent its first Negro missionary, the Rev. Darius L. Swann, a native of Amelia, Va., to teach in the University of Nanking and to be associated with the church of Christ in China.

Rev. Swann, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith university, Charlotte, N. C., as well as a product of its seminary, arrived in China just in time 3 years ago to see the country come under the control of the Communists. His dark skin saved him the fate of some of his Nordic associates, for Asia is on the move for freedom.

Rev. Swann took special courses at Columbia university in the teaching of English to foreign students. In an interview he said he was inspired and stimulated by Dean Arthur George of the seminary at Johnson C. Smith, to go to the foreign mission field.

REQUESTED TO CHAIR CHINESE ENGLIST DEPARTMENT

A few months after the Negro minister's arrival in Nanking, he was asked to be the head of the foreign language department of the University of Nanking until the return of the Chinese chairman who was on leave. Here, Rev. Swann said, he carried a heavy academic schedule but still found time for Bible class work, preaching, serving as English secretary of the University committee on religion, running in track meets, and contributing in many ways of community life.

Rev. Swann's first impression on arrival in China was that it was a rare privilege to be in China.

"Few persons would understand what it means to be a Negro in the Far East where one senses a tremendous surge of life among peoples awakening out of a long night's sleep and rising to claim the morrow's promise of freedom and independence," he said.

"None will deny the sincerity of the determined struggle of the Chinese for self-realization and a better way of life even though they have not in every case been able to translate their desire into a clear ideal."

Rev. Swann was greatly impressed with the warmth and friendly spirit he met at the University of Nanking. Yet in the streets outside of the campus, he said, he was puzzled to meet with unfriendly remarks and uncomplimentary epithets.

He said: "When I thought of all that China had suffered at the hands of foreigners who had allegedly come to help them, their attitude is not hard to understand. Ironically, it was my equality with all other foreigners that was being recognized and my dark skin which drew attention to me."

Presbyterian women hear report on efforts to aid Southern Negro

What 3906 Southern Presbyterian women from Birmingham are doing to help Southern Negroes and Japanese young people was discussed here yesterday.

Miss Margaret Archibald, a missionary to Japan, told the 37th annual session of the Presbyterian U. S. women of the work of the Golden Castle College in Japan.

This college, she said, was largely built through the efforts of the women of this denomination. It provides Christian training for high school and college girls in Japan.

Mrs. Sam Berney Hay, wife of the president of Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, described the work of Stillman, a college for Negroes. She told the group that the women led the way in establishing Stillman and in extending its work from a two-year to a four-year college.

Mrs. Hay pointed out that in 91 years Southern Presbyterians have added only 3000 Negroes to their rolls, while during one year the missionaries in the Congo added 5000.

The women in this denomination will give the first $75,000 of their birthday offering this year to Stillman.

Dr. Wade DuBose, of the Assembly Training School in Richmond, Va., described the work of his school.

The meeting, being held at the Handley Presbyterian Church, will close today with the election of new officers.

Mixed Congregation Crowds Merged Church

The Rev. Hampton B. Hawes (right) gives his Sunday sermon May 4 before a mixed congregation of white and colored worshippers at the Westminister Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. The church was crowded for the first time in years as a result of a merger of the all-white church and colored Hope Church whose congregation was too large for its own cramped quarters. It was the first such merger in the West. The Rev. Mr. Hawes said he hoped from now on that his will be considered "simply an all-Christian congregation."

Presbytery Approves White Minister As Tan Church Pastor

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Presbytery voted its approval Friday of the selection of the Rev. Virgil P. Moccia, white, as pastor of Bidwell Street Presbyterian Church, succeeding the Rev. Samuel G. Stevens, who resigned to become instructor at Lincoln University.

After the Presbytery approved his pastorate, Mr. Moccia said: "There is nothing strange or startling about this move. Christianity recognizes no racial barriers and the Presbyterian Church, USA, has long stood for a policy pposed to segregation."

The new pastor was formerly leader of Manchester Presbyterian Church, white.

Missionary Interviewed—The Rev. Darius L. Swann, Presbyterian missionary on furlough from China, the first of his race to serve in the field under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, is shown with Miss Barbara Welles, top female interrogator, during an interview over Station WOR, in New York City.

Peace Prevails At Initial Service Of Merged Churches

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.—(ANP)—Brotherhood prevailed as an overflow crowd of white and Negro worshippers Sunday attended the first service marking the official merger of two churches here.

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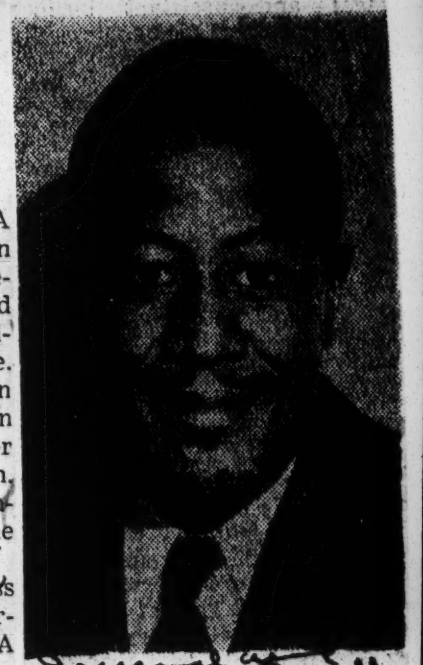
The merger was suggested when Hope found itself in need for more space. Since the white Westminster church had an excess of space it decided to accept the congregation of Hope.

The new pastor of Westminster is Wesley L. Hawes, former pastor of Hope church. His assistant pastor is the Rev. Orville E. Chadsey, white.

The pastor's father, the Rev. Hampton B. Hawes of Westminster church in Los Angeles, delivered the sermon at Sunday's service. He told the merged congregation that it would take true Christian spirit to understand "the great spiritual significance of these things."

After the services—as is customary in most churches—the congregation paused on the church steps to shake hands with their new pastor.

Elected Head Of LA Presbytery



Rev. St. Paul Epps, pastor of the Bel-Vue Community Church, was recently unanimously elected moderator of the Los Angeles Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Epps, the first Negro minister ever elected to head the Presbytery, is a native of Norfolk, Va., and was in the first class to be enrolled at the Norfolk Unit of Virginia Union University, now Va State College.

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Presbyterians Call for Ending Of Segregation

Annual Statement Assails Race Bias, 'Blinding Fear of Subversive Forces'

By Ann Elizabeth Price

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. yesterday called for the elimination of racially segregated synods, presbyteries and congregations within its own ranks.

In its annual social pronouncement, closing meetings at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, at 55th St., the 164th general assembly condemned the violation of human rights and personal liberties on a national level.

It said that "discrepancies" in national life, such as segregation in Washington, "embarrass our efforts on behalf of a free world."

"Non Segregated Church"

Adding its voice to anti-discrimination statements by other large protestant groups in recent months, the assembly called for a "non-segregated church and a non-segregated society."

It noted "with gratitude" the formation of interracial Presbyterian churches such as the merger, three weeks ago, of a white and a Negro church in San Francisco.

The pronouncement warned against a "blinding fear of subversive forces" which it said was throttling American freedom of conscience, inquiry and expression." It asked the 2,500,000 members of affiliated Presbyterian churches to eliminate practices in civic life which flaunt human rights.

Paragraphs Debated

Although passed by a large majority of the assembly, the supreme governing body of the church, the declaration stirred debate over several paragraphs.

Charles H. Brown, a church elder from Chicago, said some parts of the pronouncement dealing with personal freedom and human rights appeared to be aimed at "many fearless and brave men in and out of the government" who are trying to thwart communism. "The worst enemy of the Christian Church today is communism," he said. "Communism's avowed purpose is to destroy the Church entirely."

The controversial paragraphs condemned public investigations that undermine reputations and denounced the concept of "guilt by association," the use of unsubstantiated charges to declare "controversial personalities" as "bad risks" for public office and the denial of passports, without reasons being given.

The Rev. Robert C. Lamar, Stamford, Conn., said there "could be no more serious emasculation" of the statement than to delete the portion challenged.

Support of U. N. Urged

The pronouncement called for support of the United Nations as the "cornerstone of American foreign policy," for expanded aid to underprivileged peoples, for inflation controls and for greater participation by Christians in political life "in a year of election."

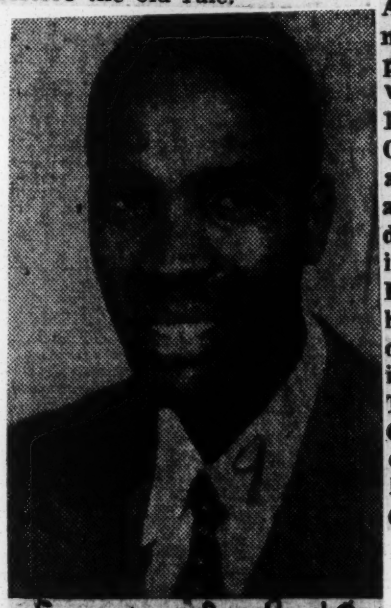
The lengthy social pronouncement condemned gambling "even for charitable purposes" as being contrary to "the Christian conscience." It assailed "waste in military expenditures," excessive deficit spending and "deliberate inflationary policies" designed to create a "false sense of prosperity."

It opposed sending a United States Ambassador to the Vatican or "to any other religious body" or any action which would "place any religious group in a preferential status."

Praises Spy Probes

In a resolution offered at the afternoon session by the Rev. Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, moderator of the New York Presbytery, the assembly praised the work of all Congressional committees that are protecting "fundamental American liberties" from "foreign spies" and a "fifth column."

Earlier, the assembly declared that its ministers should not ease their standards for remarrying divorced persons, even though a loophole has cropped up—for the time being—in the church law. Seeking to countermand a series of actions that technically canceled a requirement of a one-year waiting period for remarriages, the assembly declared the provision was "inadvertently eliminated." It will take a year, during which local presbyteries must act, to restore the old rule.

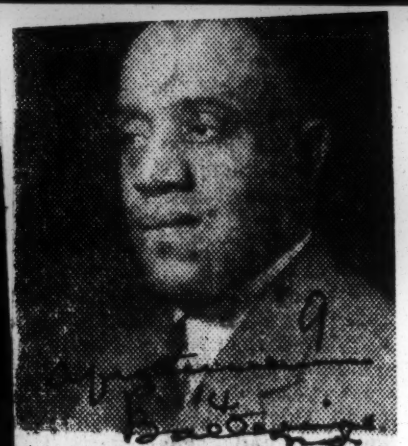


Skin Saved Him—

The Rev. Darius L. Swann, first Negro missionary ever sent to China by the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., recently returned to America after three years in the Orient. The Rev. Mr. Swann said his dark skin saved him from the fate of some white missionaries working in China when it fell to the Communists.—(ANP).

Ranking Official With Presbyterians

Dr. Jesse Belmont Barber is the only Negro with a full secretarial position in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. As secretary of the Department Work with Colored People, Dr. Barber is serving the work with headquarters at 156 Fifth avenue, New York City. He is in his second year as head of this department, after spending seven years as dean of the School of Divinity at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. Previously he had spent 17 years as pastor of Leonard Street Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., and director of Newton Community Center, a project connected with the church. Dr. Barber is a native of Charlotte, N. C.



Dr. Jesse B. Barber, secretary of the Department of Work with Colored People, Presbyterian Church, USA, who is now serving his second year as head of this department after spending seven years as dean of the School of Divinity at Lincoln University, Pa.

Presbyterians Press Solons On Race Issue

New York.—The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. requested Congress to "eliminate segregation within our nation's capital." It also urged church members to "press Congressmen and Senators to support civil rights legislation which will help to eliminate from other parts of our community and national life those discrepancies in our practice that embarrass our efforts on behalf of a free world."

The church's supreme legislative body denounced "guilt by association" and defamation of character. Good reputation, the assembly said, were "sometimes undermined by methods of public investigation that cast suspicion without the protection of a court trial."

Individuals, it continued, are "declared unfit for positions of public trust on the basis of unsubstantiated charges that they are 'bad risks' or because they have become 'controversial personalities.'"

(In Chicago, Dean Benjamin Youngdahl of Washington University in St. Louis, warned the National Conference of Social Work, "We must not let the advent of McCarthyism in this country compel us to reject things we really stand for or deny the espousal of programs we really favor, on which democracy depends."

("It is not easy to be a non-Communist liberal today," he added. He felt history would record this particular period as one in which "there were a few brave and courageous souls and groups who dared to speak out against Communism, and who at the same time dared to favor reforms and services which on occasion the Communists, for their ulterior purposes, claimed to support.")

Dr. J. T. Colbert Honored

Afro-American R 20 Baltimore, Md.

As Outstanding Citizen

Honoree, Wife And Principal Speaker

BALTIMORE

"If I have made any success in the city of Baltimore, it has been because of my devoted wife."

Thus tall, thin, seventyish Rev. Dr. John T. Colbert answered with emotion-charged voice the glowing testimonials in his honor on Friday night.

Dr. Colbert, for 35 years pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, at Dolphin and Etting Sts. was the first colored moderator of the Baltimore Presbytery, the first colored minister to become a member of the Baltimore Presbytery Association, the first admitted to the Baltimore Ministerial Alliance, and the first to become a member of the Council of Religious Education of Maryland and Delaware.

Sat. 3-15-52

Hears Acclaim

Before a packed house in Bethel AME Church on Friday night, the aged but young-in-heart Dr. Colbert heard himself acclaimed as one of the great religious and civic forces of Maryland by plain and prominent fellow-citizens.

"This is a testimonial, not a memoriam," Herbert M. Frisby, head of the Douglass High School science department, proclaimed as he opened the program.

Dr. Bond Speaks

"The person honored is in the flesh," he said.

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University and main speaker for the occasion, declared that Dr. Colbert represents the type of man Lincoln hopes to produce.

"I doubt if there is a civic pie cut in Baltimore that Dr. Colbert's finger — quite unobtrusively, of course—has not touched," Dr Bond opined.

Physician of the Soul

The college president, who asserted that he studies history as a hobby, traced the background of the great men in the church movement down to Dr. Colbert, finally summing him up as "a great physician of the soul."

Afro-American R 20 Baltimore, Md. 3-15-52

Shown as they acknowledge the applause of a packed house at Bethel AME Church on Friday night are Dr. and Mrs. John T. Colbert and Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University, who delivered the principal address. Dr. Bond referred to the honoree as "a great physician of the soul."

Vice-Mayor Arthur Price, who said he came to the testimonial despite an aching back, told Dr. Colbert:

"You have enriched the life of our city."

Pledges Clean-Up

"His life has been a life devoted to his fellow man," he said.

Mr. Price then pledged to do all in his power to eliminate street conditions along Pennsylvania Avenue as protested by a citizens' mass meeting on Feb. 24.

"This, in my opinion, would be the best tribute by Baltimore to Dr. Colbert," Mr. Price asserted.

Dr. Colbert was described as "a helper of men" by Dr. T. Guthrie Speers, pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Baltimore's Greatest Gifts

"The life and personality of Dr. Colbert is one of the greatest gifts that has come to this generation of Baltimoreans," was the tribute paid by Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of Baltimore Public Schools.

Neil H. Swanson, executive editor of the Baltimore Sunpapers, told Dr. Colbert he did not think the group was present because of his age or because of his long, successful pastorate of Grace Presbyterian Church.

'Lived Lord's Prayer'

"I think we are here because you have lived the Lord's prayer," he said.

Remarks were also made by the Rev. Hiram E. Smith, president of the Interdenominational Alliance Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of public schools; Dr. Thomas G. Pullen, State supervisor of education; Dr. Ralph J. Young, and Sen. Herbert R. O'Conor.

Wins Governor's Praise

Edward N. Wilson, registrar at Morgan State College, presented Dr. Colbert a certificate from Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin, proclaiming him an "outstanding Marylander and distinguished citizen."

A book containing 135 testimonials from a cross-section of Baltimoreans was presented to Dr. Colbert by Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president-emeritus of Morgan State College.

A $1,000 purse, "for an upright life" and unselfish devotion to his community, was presented by Dr. Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers on behalf of 278 friends.

Mrs. Colbert Honored

Mrs. Colbert's turn came next.

Mrs. Violet H. Whyte, co-chairman of the Citizens' Testimonial Committee, which planned the occasion, praised the minister's wife "for making Dr. Colbert such a splendid man."

Mrs. Lillian Parrott, assistant to Mr. Jackson, called Mrs. Colbert "an exalted ideal of womanhood."

Crowd Cheers

At the end of it all, Dr. Colbert walked to the rostrum as the crowd of speech-makers and witnesses stood and cheered.

His voice was warm and clear as he said:

"It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here on this occasion. Many thanks to you for the fine things you have said about me tonight."

He expressed appreciation for the gifts.

Then he gave credit to his wife for all his accomplishments.

The program was sponsored by a citizens' committee including Dr. Willard W. Allen, chairman, who served as master of ceremonies; Dr. Bernard Harris, Mrs. Isaac Crippen, Elmer T. Hawkins, Mrs. Mary Lou Bowley, Mrs. Frances Layton, Joseph Neal, John Berry, Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, Dr. Carl Murphy, Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, Mr. Edward R. Wilson, Mr. Herbert R. Frisby and Mrs. Lillian Parrott.

Also on the program were:

Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College, who introduced the main speaker; the Rev. Harrison J. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church; Miss Anne Wallace, soloist; the Morgan College Choir, the Grace Presbyterian Church Choir and the Maryland Boys' Village Chorus.

IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE:

Citizens Plan Public Fete Honoring Dr. J. T. Colbert

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BALTIMORE

Citizens from all over the State will gather at Bethel AME Church on Feb. 29, at 8 p.m. to pay public tribute to Dr. John T. Colbert, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church for 35 years.

The public testimonial is being planned by a committee of citizens, headed by Dr. Willard W. Allen, grand master of Masons, who said that Dr. Colbert was selected for honors because of his years of unselfish service to the community.

Dr. Bond To Speach

Dr. Horace Mann Bond, president of Lincoln University of which Dr. Colbert is a trustee, will be the principal speaker. Invited guests included Senator Herbert R. O'Conor, and Arthur Price, president of the City Council and acting mayor.

A State-wide committee has sent out over 3,000 letters inviting citizens to participate and contribute to the affair which will be free to the public. Dr. Colbert will be presented with a purse, and with a bound volume of letters of appreciation from officials of the city and state.

Honoree Well Respected

Dr. Colbert has combined religious and civic activities during the past years, to become one of the most highly respected individuals in Maryland. He has been in on most of the city and State's interracial movements, both in the church and other fields.

He served as moderator of the Baltimore Presbytery from 1945-1946, the first colored minister to serve in such a capacity. He is a trustee of the Maryland-Delaware Council of Churches, and a member of the Board of Directors of Boys Village.

Others who will appear on the testimonial program are Dr. William H. Lemmel, superintendent of schools; Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of schools; Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of Morgan State College who will introduce the speaker; the Rev. Hiram Smith, representing the Interdenominational Alliance; and Neil Swanson, executive editor of of the Sunpapers.

Dr. Holmes On Committee

Carl Murphy, president of the AFRO-AMERICAN newspapers, and treasurer of the citizens' committee, will present the purse. Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president emeritus of Morgan, is assistant treasurer, and will present the letters.

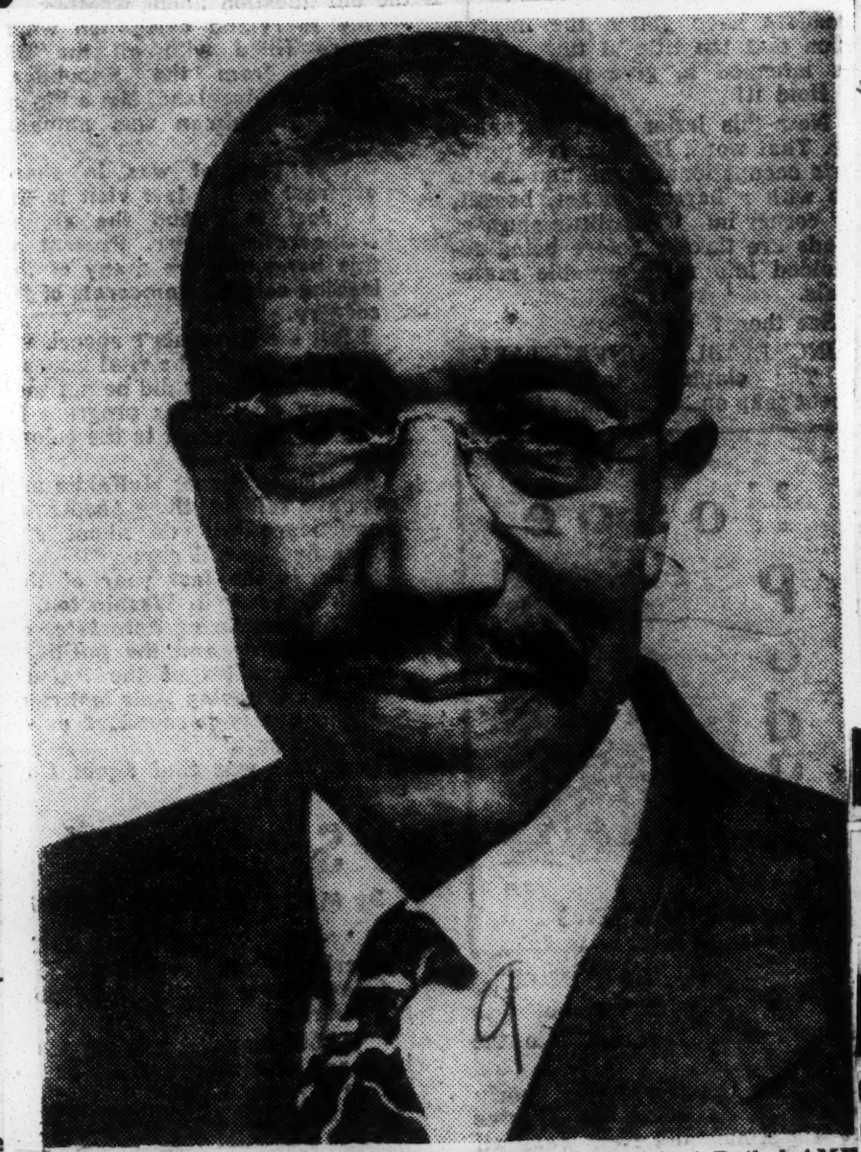
A gift to Mrs. Colbert will be presented through women members of the committee, Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte, Mrs. Lillian Parrott, both of Baltimore; and Mrs. Isaac Crippan of Berlin, Md.

Music will be by the Morgan College Choir, the choir of Grace Church, and Miss Ann Wallace, soprano.

State-Wide Group

Other members of the Statewide committee are Dr. Bernard Harris, physician; Edward N. Wilson, registrar of Morgan State College; Herbert M. Frisby, head of the science department at Douglass High School; Joseph Neal, State CIO organizer;

John Barry of the longshoremen's group; Mrs. Frances Laydon of the Court of Philanthe of the Pythians; Mrs. Maylon Bowley, grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star; and Elmer T. Hawkins, representing the State Teachers Association.



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Los Angeles Minister Named Moderator of Southern California

Beach Tribune

LOS ANGGELES, Cal. — (ANP) — The Rev. St. Paul Epps, pastor of the Bel-Vue Community church here, recently became the first Negro minister to be elected moderator of the Los Angeles Presbytery of the United Presbyterian church.

As moderator, he will have titular supervision over all of the United Presbyterian churches in the Presbytery, a territory that includes all of Southern California.

He also will convene all Presbytery meetings; preside at all ordinations and installations of ministers and will be the fraternal representative of the Presbytery at meetings of other church courts and conventions.

Rev. Epps has been in the Presbytery for five years and has been active in the youth work of the Presbytery. For the second straight year he will be the dean of the summer conference for high school youth to be held June 23-30 at Camp Arbolado, Seven Oaks, California.

Presbyterian Synod Endorses Segregation

IRMO, S. C. — (ANP) — Negro leaders of a synod of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. last week took an unusual position when they endorsed segregation despite a request from Negro Presbyterians for its end.

The Atlantic synod, meeting for its annual meeting at Harbison Junior college here, went on record in favor of the continuance of segregation rather than be accepted in the same manner as the other 30 synods of the Presbyterian church.

OPPOSE REQUEST

Action taken by this synod was in opposition to that requested by members of the church. In 1950, two Negro presbyteries within the bounds of the Catawba synod submitted a request to the General Assembly of the church asking and urging the discontinuance of segregation within the church. The request affected the four Negro synods.

The General Assembly requested the Mission board to meet with representatives from all the presbyteries and synods and discuss the issu of segregation. The Atlantic synod voted to continue the segregated pattern and asked that a special plan be set up for Negroes within the administrative framework.

A large number of members of the Atlantic synod term the action in endorsing segregation as unfortunate and at odds with the present trends of integration.

3-STATE SYNOD

The Atlantic synod includes the states of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. It has more than 100 churches with some 9,000 members and nearly 75 ministers.

There are three schools within the area of the synod. They are Harbison Junior college here; Boggs Academy, Keysville, Ga.. and Selden-Gillespie Institute, Cordele. Ga.

Among those who attended the meeting of the synod were:

Dr. C. O. St. John, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. C. Martz, Lakeland, Fla.; W. H. Hamilton, Columbus, Ohio; Alfred Davise, New York; the Rev. John Peterson, Winston-Salem, N. C.; the Rev. Calvin M. Young, Jr. Gastonia, N. C.; and Drs. C. A. Washington, L. B. West, and J. B. West, and J. W. Smith. Sr. Charlotte, N. C.

The Rev. Edward McKay Miller, pastor, Irmo First church, was elected moderator and the Rev. Milton E. Cox. Columbia, temporary clerk.

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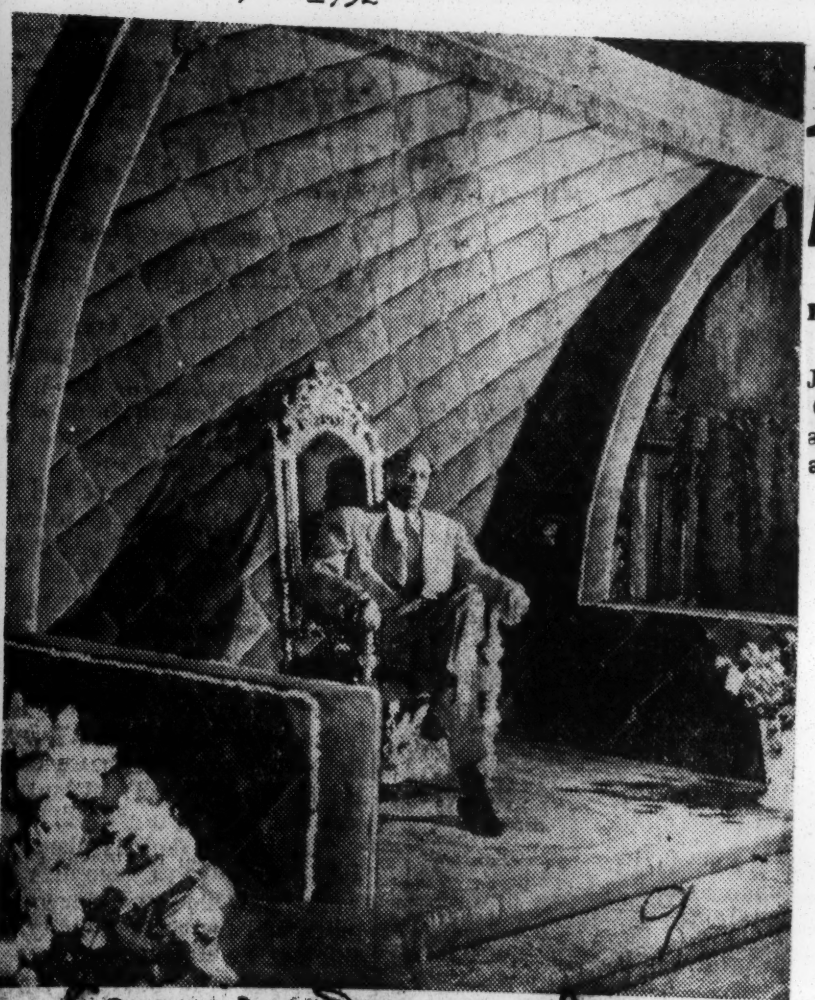
PROPHET JONES



Associated Press Wirephoto

TESTING FOR SIZE . . Trying out the throne in his new church is the Rt. Rev. James F. "Prophet" Jones, dominion ruler of the Church of the Universal Triumph, the Dominion of God. Dr. Jones claims 6,000,000 followers in 45 of the states, the West Indies, and Liberia.

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By International News Service

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Miller Named Top Church Official Of N. Y.

NEW YORK—Herbert T. Miller, former executive secretary of The Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association has been appointed Associate-Director of The Protestant Council of Churches of New York City.

Announcement to this effect came as a surprise last Monday to the more than 800 persons attending a banquet honoring Miller in the grand ballroom of the Hotel St. George.

Mr. Miller, a social worker for more than 30 years, and a "Y" executive since 1922 was praised by Dr. Channing Tobias, United States alternate delegate to the United Nations and the principal speaker at the dinner, for "bringing together a group of like-minded people who, in my book, represent the real America," which, the elder statesman continued "has been a great step, toward bringing a solution to the international situation today."

The Protestant Council operates a program of religious education in all five boroughs of New York City. Mr. Miller will hellp in the projection of the Council's program in Manhattan. His work will not be confined to any particular area of that borough.

He is regarded as one of the nations outstanding ambassadors of goodwill in the field of race relations.

Two years ago Mr. Miller was invited by the National Baptist Convention of the USA to its National Convention in Los Angeles where he was named "America's Most Outstanding Layman."

He was also a member of The American Seminar which toured Europe during the summer of 1950.

Besides being a member of a number of important Boards and Committees in New York City, he has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors for outstanding citizenship.

Dr. John B. King, Assistant Superintendent of New York City schools presided at the banquet.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of Christ Church and Dr. Albert J. Penner of Broadway Tabernacle are chairmen of the committees which named Mr. Miller to his new post.

The offices of The Council are located at 215 West 23rd Street, New York City.

Made Associate Secretary Of Protestant Council Unit

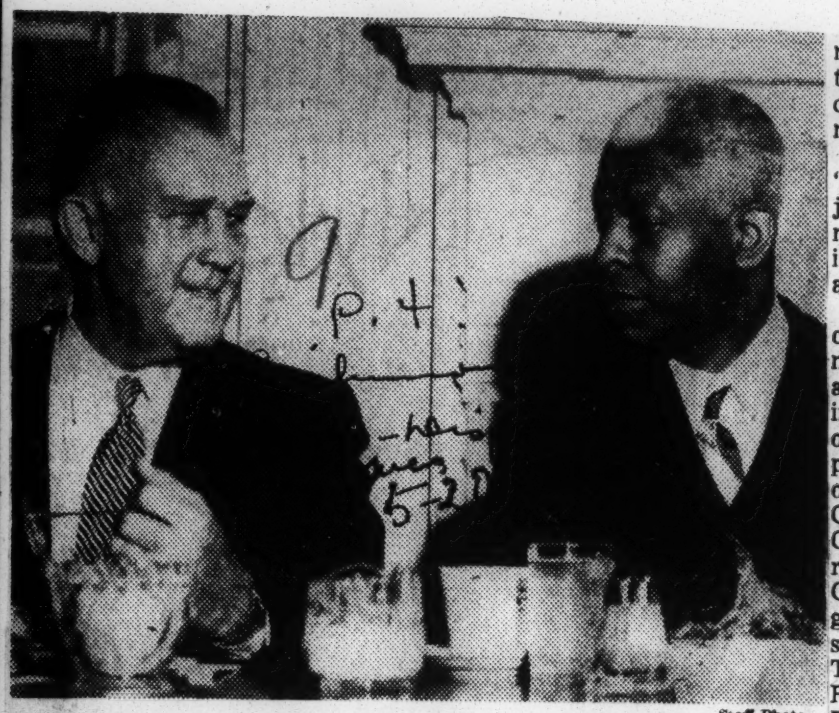
Herbert Miller

Announcement was made yesterday of the appointment of Herbert T. Miller, former executive secretary of the Carlton Avenue Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Brooklyn, as associate secretary of the Manhattan division of the Protestant Council of the City of New York, effective at once. The executive secretary is the Rev. Carl [illegible] Herron.

Mr. Miller, who is the first Negro in the United States to have served as a county grand jury foreman, has been in social service since 1926. He was drawn for the Kings County grand jury in 1944.

PROTESTANT COUNCIL HEAD

NEW YORK (ANP)—Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of Concord Baptist Church, was elected president of the Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of N.Y.C. at its 123d annual meeting at Hanson Place Methodist Church.



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Dr. B. E. Mays (right) Lays Blame for Fears on Leaders
Dr. J. Blanton Belk (left) Named Ministerial President

Danger of Unnecessary Fears Stressed by Atlanta Educator

"Our fears make cowards of us all," Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, Negro president of Morehouse College, in Atlanta, told an interracial meeting of the Protestant Ministers Association here yesterday.

Speaking before a group of about 75 white and Negro ministers at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Dr. Mays said:

"We fear economic insecurity. We fear political defeat. We fear social ostracism. We often fear to do that which we know we ought to do and say the things which we know that we ought to say."

He added that unnecessary fears have caused people to kill the prophets and persecute the pioneers in science and social reform.

Evolution Doctrine Feared

Dr. Mays' topic was "Unnecessary Fears," and on this subject he said additionally, "We feared that if the doctrine of evolution was established as a fact it would destroy our faith in God and our belief in the Bible.

"But evolution has been established as a fact, and we teach it in high schools, colleges and universities. The Bible is still the best seller, and people still believe in God."

He declared that the nation at one time feared the abolition of slavery because it was argued that "slavery was the cornerstone of civilization, and the economic order would collapse if slavery were abolished."

Slavery has been abolished, said Dr. Mays, formerly dean of the school of religion at Howard University in Washington, "and, economically, man is better off than he was."

Education Issue Discussed

Stressing another fear, he said, "We feared that, if Negroes were admitted to the State universities of the South the students would stage race riots and not stand for their presence. But Negro students are enrolled in several State universities in the South and there have been no race riots. In fact, white students welcome Negro students."

In summing up his talk, Dr. Mays, who is the author of four books, said, "Our chief trouble lies in the leadership. It is the people at the top who engender these fears and not the masses. If we can get the leadership right, the masses will follow."

Daring Action Needed

He emphasized that great progress in breaking down fears is made only when "somebody dares to break from the beaten paths of custom, tradition, folkways and mores.

"And finally," Dr. Mays added, "we have nothing to fear but the judgment of God for sin. We have nothing to fear but war, economic injustice, our political corruption and race prejudice."

The Protestant Ministers Association is composed of approximately 400 ministers, both white and Negro. At yesterday's meeting Dr. J. Blanton Belk, pastor of St. Giles, was elected incoming president; the Rev. H. A. Taylor, of the Leigh Street Methodist Church, vice-president; Samuel M. Carter, Virginia Union professor, recording secretary, and the Rev. C. Emerson Smith, of the Virginia Council of Churches, corresponding secretary and treasurer. The outgoing president is the Rev. Robert L. Taylor, of the Second Baptist Church of South Richmond.

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RURAL CHURCH

Survey Reveals Southern Negro Ministers Are Poorly Trained

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — The Rural Church department at Drew seminary last week disclosed results of a study of some 454 Negro rural pastors in 17 southern states.

Entitled, "These My Brethen," the study reported that 15 of these ministers have never attended school; nearly half of them (43 per cent) have never gotten beyond the eighth grade, and 58.2 per cent have never gone beyond high school. Their average education is the ninth grade.

The study revealed that the chief reason for so many poorly trained ministers was that colleges and seminaries for training Negro ministers are lagging far behind in facilities to those for whites.

However, this situation is being relieved a little with the admission of colored students to 20 white schools in southern states. Among these schools are Presbyterian theological seminaries at Richmond, Va., Austin, Decatur, Ga., and Louisville, Ky.

Three southern Baptist seminaries now are admitting Negroes. They are located at Fort Worth, Texas; Louisville, Ky., and New Orleans, La.

Other schools which admit Negro ministerial students include: Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Loyola, New Orleans, La.; Nazareth and Ursuline, Louisville.

Most of these churches admitted Negroes for the first time this year.

Adventists Donate $7,548 For Missions

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WASHINGTON

Sabbath school members of Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist church in Washington gave foreign missions offerings totaling $7,548.63 during 1951, Mrs. Helen Freeman, secretary, reported this week.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter was earmarked to aid medical and educational work in Latin America. P. 20

The local church had a goal of $1,733.55, part of an estimated $315,000 collected in the Adventist churches of North America.

Mission at Montemorelos

Approximately $50,000 of the offering is slated to go for construction of a surgical unit at the mission hospital in Montemorelos, Mexico, and new buildings for the denominational training school at Mandeville, Jamaica.

Since the Montemorelos Hospital opened four years ago, 1500 patients have been hospitalized and more than 30,000 people have been cared for in the out-patient service, according to reports heard by Sabbath school members here.

With an airplane piloted by one of the missionaries, the institution serves the remotest villages in a radius of 300 miles. The flying pastor brings emergency cases to the hospital and carries doctors and nurses out to hold clinics in surrounding areas.

Mortemorelos' influence is being felt all over Mexico through the work of the nurses who have received training there. Ten city clinics are already in operation and the church plans to expand this medical service as fast as nurses are availab.e

The hospital is part of a medical missionary program begun six years ago in Inter-America. Today the church operates 4 hospitals, 11 clinics, a medical launch and a weekly "Home and Health" radio broadcast in that area. A new 75-bed hospital will open in Puerto Rico next year.

Headed by Miss Justiss

One of the highlights of the local offering was the announcement by Archie Lucas, retiring superintendent of the Sabbath school, that the youth and young adult division, headed by Miss Valarie O. Justiss, had made a "double dollar" offering.

In the two years that the division has been under Miss Justiss' leadership it has grown in membership from an average attendance of 22 to 64, and its offerings have increased from an average of $11 to $25.

This marks the second time in the history of the local Sabbath school that any division has reported an average offering of $2 for each member. The other record was made by the same division at the time of the special quarterly offering to Formosa on Sept. 29.

SUCCEEDS HEBREW CONGREGATION:

New Berea Temple Is $79,000 Building

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BALTIMORE

After 32 years at Dolphin St. and Fremont Ave., Berea Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church moved on Nov. 17 into the massive building at 1901 Madison Ave. formerly occupied by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

The Adventist congregation paid $79,500 for the new edifice, which is of the Byzantine architecture, characteristic on the fifth and sixth centuries.

The building boasts a seating capacity for 1,220 persons, four large vestry rooms, the pastor's study, a stage, kitchen facilities for service to 1,000 diners, and a choir loft with a $30,000 three-manual pipe organ.

Membership Of 800

Berea Temple has an active membership of 800 persons and its pastor, Elder William L. Cheatham will celebrate his seventh anniversary here next month.

An elaborate program marked their moving into the new building.

Guest speakers included the Rev. G. E. Peters of Washington, field secretary of the General Conference; J. H. Wagner of Pottstown, Pa., president of the Allegheny Conference; F. L. Bland of NYC, president of the Northeast Conference.

The ordination and consecration service was conducted by Calvin E. Moseley, professor of theology at Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.

Elder Cheatham, who had once been assistant pastor at Berea Temple returned as its pastor in 1945, coming from the Deleware District where he had served seven years at Dover St. and Du-Pont St. Churches in Wilmington.

Previous to that, he had spent 15 years in Baltimore as assistant to Elder M. S. Banfield and the late Elder F. C. Phipps.

Born in Belzonia, Miss., he attended schools there and in Memphis, Tenn. before study in theology at Oakwood College.

Operates School

Under his leadership Berea Temple has bought a parsonage at 1905 Wheeler Ave. and a school bulding at 2401 Madison Ave. which has 80 pupils, ranging from grades 1 to 10.

The clergyman and his wife, Mrs. Laura E. Cheatham have eight children. They are:

William Jr., a government worker in Philadelphia; Mrs. Anna Timpson, Baltimore teacher; Oliver, a government worker in Washington; Donald, a soldier serving in the medical department at Fort Meade, Md.;

Miss Merle Cheatham, a Morgan College student; Charles, Augustus and Wendell, who is only three years old.

Church Officers

Berea Church officers include:

H. J. Harris, assistant pastor; Deacons Thomas Coleman, Wesley Turner, James E. Hawkins, Almarine Ford, Washington Jones, William Quarles, Percy Winder.

Trustees Elder Cheatham, James E. Hawkins, Miss Julia Z. Cooper;

James E. Hawkins, church treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Tilghman and Mrs. Fannie Hawkins, associates;

Mrs. Clara Thomas, superintendent of the Sabbath School which has 385 pupils; Miss Annie Watson, young people's leader.

Carleton Wilson, director of the senior choir; David Johnson, leader of the gospel and missionary HOIS: Mrs. Lillian Bell and Mrs. Mary Jones, organists.

At the parochial school, Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery is principal; Mrs. Martha Bell and Mrs. Anna Timpson, eachers.

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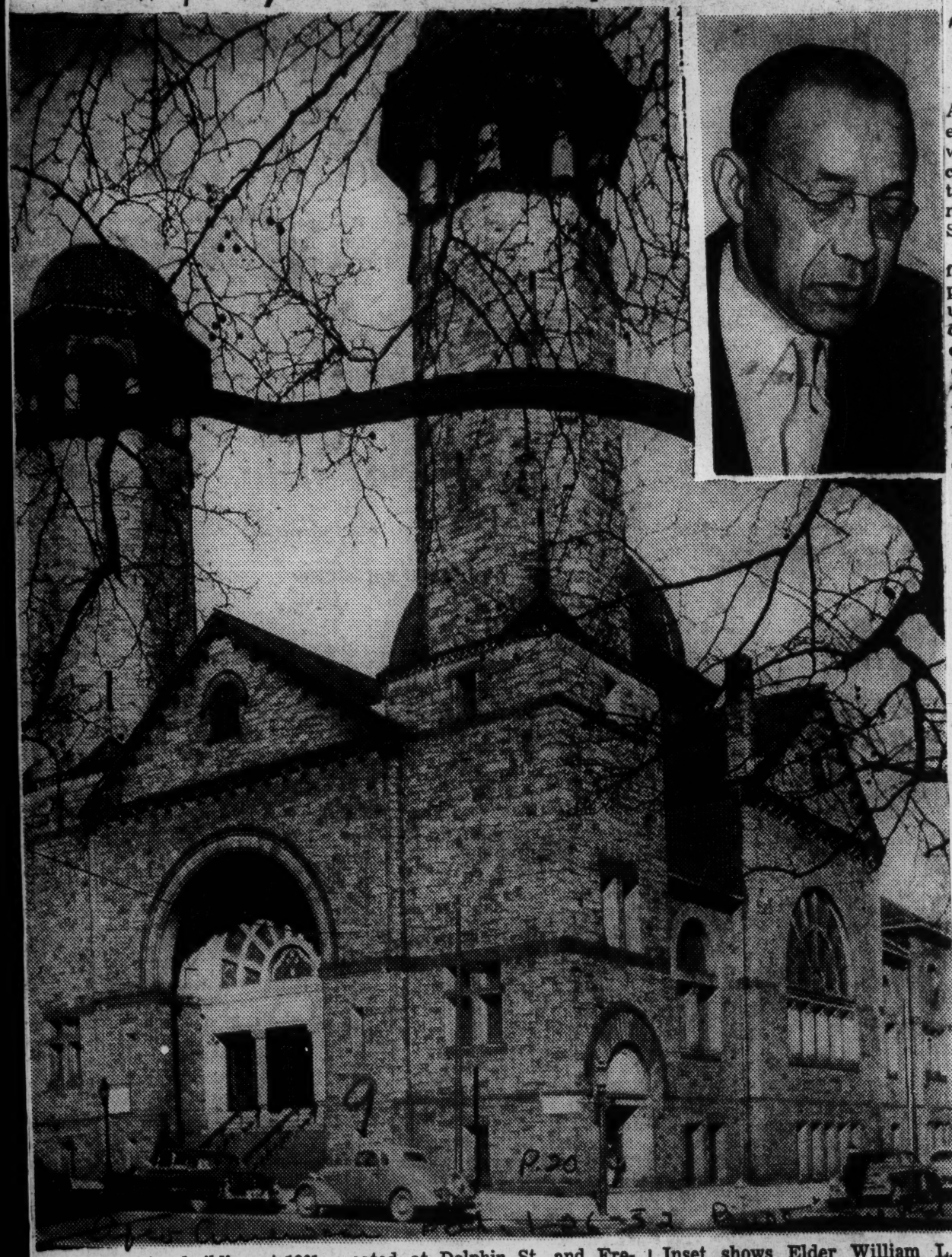

This impressive building at 1901 Madison Ave. is the new home of Berea Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church formerly located at Dolphin St. and Fremont Ave. The building, formerly occupied by the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, cost $79,500. Inset shows Elder William L. Cheatham, pastor, who will celebrate his seventh anniversary at the church next month.

Owen Troy Is First Tan Th. D From USC

LOS ANGELES — (ANP Owen Austin Troy of Pasadena, western official of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination received recently the degree of doctor of theology at the 69th Annual Commencement of the University of Southern California.

He did his concentration in the field of church administration, preaching and pastoral counseling under the faculty of the School of Religion of USC. His doctoral dissertation was on "The Financial System of the Seventh-Day Adventist church. An evaluation of the Factors Entering into the Adoption and Practice of Tithing."

A member of the Pi Epsilon Theta graduate scholastic fraternity, Dr. Troy obtained his master's degree from the University of Chicago, and did his undergraduate work at Pacific Union college.

Dr. Troy is the sixth candidate and first of his race to receive the Th. D. degree from USC.

As departmental secretary of the Pacific Union Conference with offices in Glendale, Dr. Troy's field of responsibility includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital at Nashville, Tenn. and the Oakwood College in Alabama.

A native California, he is married to the former Ruby Bontemps, a daughter of early California settlers. Mrs. Troy is a former school teacher and sister of the noted author and librarian of Fisk university, Arna Bontemps.

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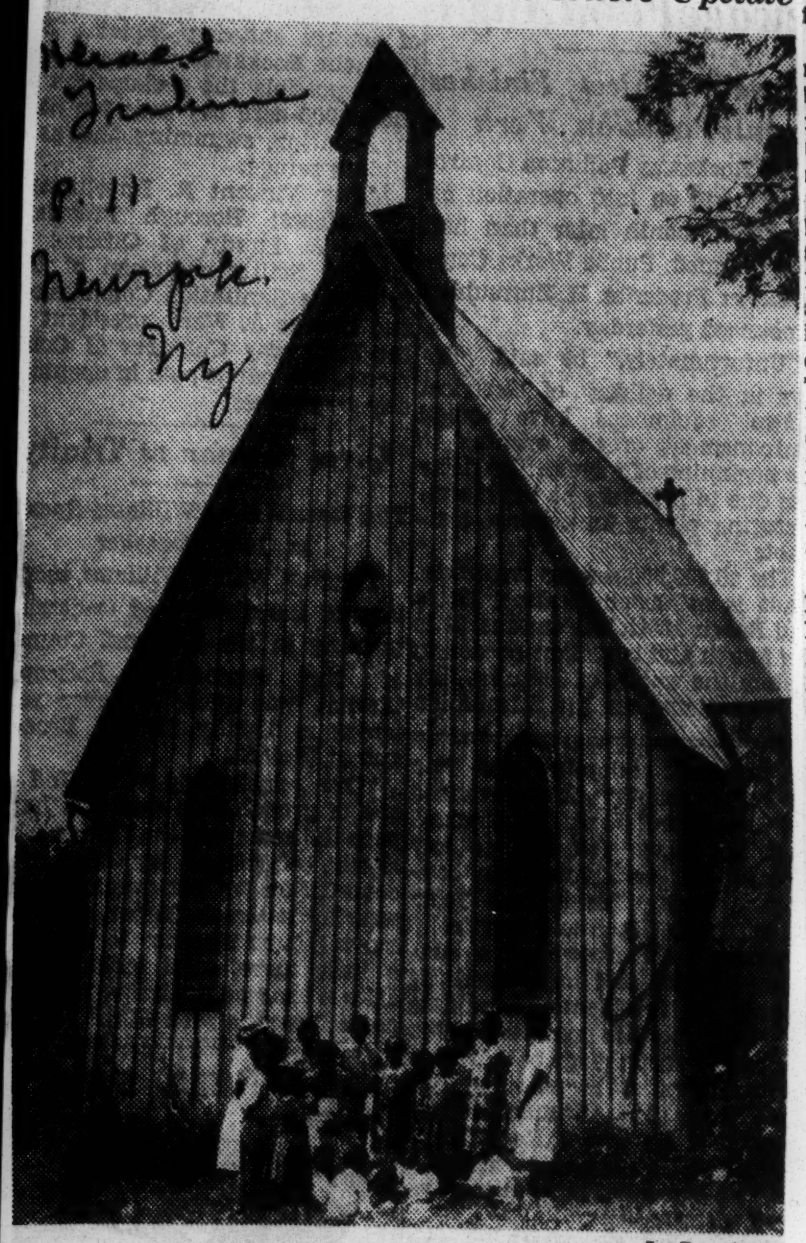
"SUMMER CHURCH"

Church for Migrant Farm Workers Upstate



Ira Rosenberg

Sunday school class holding forth yesterday outside the 100-year-old frame building which houses "summer church" for migrant fruit pickers who work on the farms near Milton, N. Y.

Farm Migrants From South Get Summer Parish

Hudson Valley Church, on Inactive List 5 Yrs., Has No Winter Worshipers

By Ann Elizabeth Price

MILTON, N. Y., July 27—Migrant workers from North Carolina and Florida, who live in shacks and pick fruit for 75 cents an hour, are members of a unique summer church which has no congregation in the winter.

The summer church is a 100-year-old frame building on a road that twists up a hill overlooking the verdant Hudson Valley. It is almost hidden behind two ancient maple trees. Over the door, a faded sign says: "All Saints Protestant Episcopal Church. Seats Free."

The building was closed as an active Episcopal parish five years ago. It came to be a summer church for seasonal fruit pickers because of the concern by church people in Milton for the people who worked in the fields and orchards.

Says Milton Benefits

Walter R. Clarke, who owns a 250-acre fruit farm across the highway, said Milton has benefited by the arrangement.

"For instance," he said, "we needed a car for the minister. Down at Young's garage they had quite a few second-hand cars. So they offered the use of one for nothing."

Mr. Clarke and his sister, Miss Lula Clarke, members of a family that bought the farm in Milton in 1817, related that the church work among seasonal workers started in 1944. There were several arrests of seasonal workers that summer. The Rev. Jesse Coddington, a retired Methodist minister, asked the Clarkes if he could not hold church meetings for the workers in a building on the Clarke property. An old piano was moved in and a small congregation was started.

Then the Clarkes' pastor, the Rev. Hugh McNally, of First Methodist Church, appealed to the Home Mission Council of North America, the local Presbyterian church and the Protestant Episcopal church. The Mission Council supplied a preacher, the Rev. Wilbur Johnson. The Summer Workers Religious Group was formed, including both seasonal workers and villagers. They bought a meeting house, formerly owned by the Society of Friends.

Episcopal Church Offered

After it had been used one summer, the meeting house was sold and converted into a residence. The homeless congregation was offered the Episcopal church on the hill. Another minister, the Rev. Norman Rates, came from the council, serving the workers for three summers.

The present minister is the Rev. Elemit Brooks, twenty-six, a senior at Drew Theological Seminary, who conducts Sunday services and weekly prayer services in one of the migrant camps in near-by Marlboro. There are about 120 migrant families who come to the area, most of them remaining from June to October for the raspberry, currant, apple and peach crops. Several women conduct daily vacation Bible school for the children.

"I spend most of my time visiting the people—three nights a week," Mr. Brooks said. "The job is that of being a minister and a friend, some one they can turn to in an hour of need."

During the winter, the men workers in overalls, the barefoot children and the women who exist in the small cabins throughout the valley, return to the lumber towns of North Carolina and citrus crops in Florida.

The summer church becomes deserted.

"We're pretty proud of the work that has been done in Milton," said Miss Louisa R. Shotwell, associate secretary of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches. "It came from the people."

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Union Baptist Associations

Rev. Tunie Elected Moderator of New Consolidated Body

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—After fifty-two years of separation, the Allegheny General and the Union Baptist Associations voted to consolidate and elected the Rev. E. P. Tunie, pastor of Clark Memorial Church, Homestead, its first moderator. This epoch-making session was held in Central Baptist Church, Dr. C. E. Talley, the host pastor.

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THE PLAN TO consolidate was the work of a joint committee of twenty-two, eleven each from the two associations. This joint group drew up articles of consolidation which embraced every activity of the two bodies. This group was appointed in July by the two bodies and planned well their work.

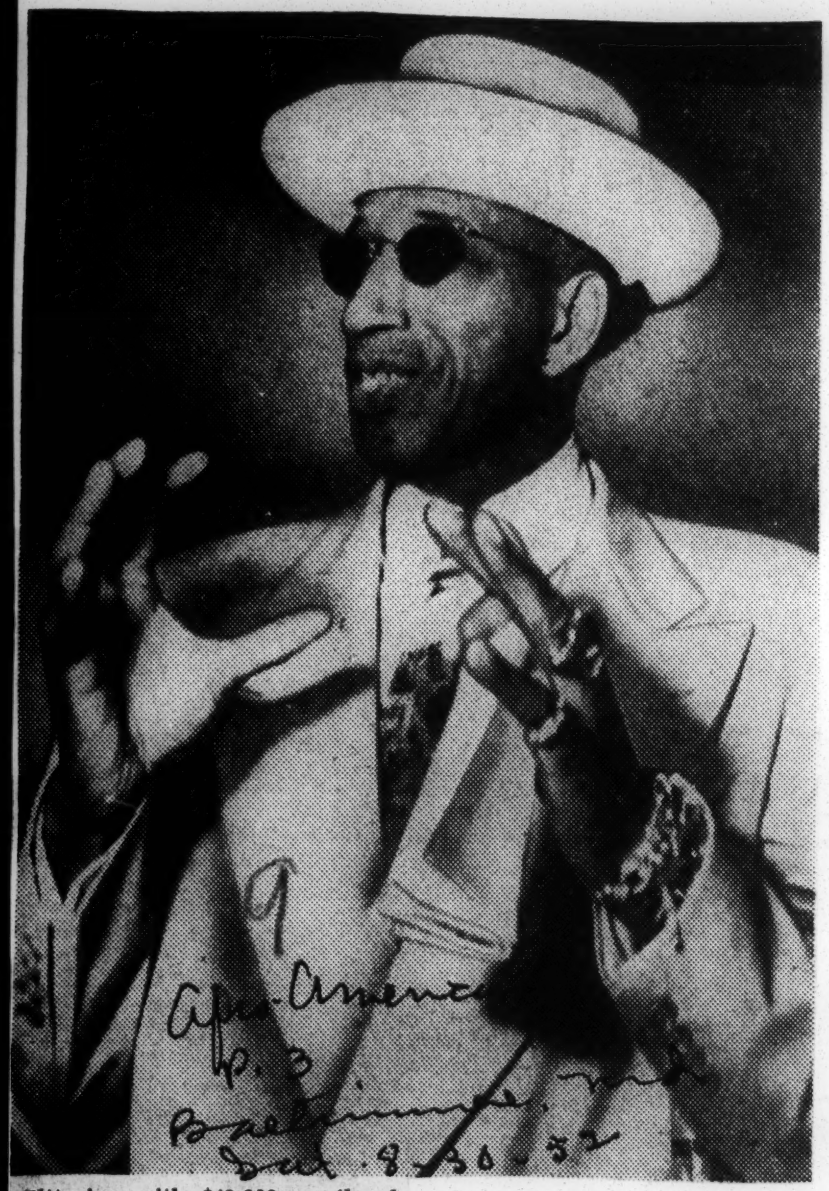
The two moderators of the associations sacrificed their offices, as did other elected officials that the very spirit of getting together would not be hampered. These moderators, the Revs. Samuel L. Spear of the Allegheny and J. A. Williams of the Union, will go down in history as being the most unselfish moderators to be found anywhere in the United States.

The two associations met first in separate places, the Allegheny at New Light Temple Baptist, and the Union at Monumental. After the two bodies voted separately, a joint meeting was held at Central Baptist Church to act on matters that had to be acted upon jointly.

After listening to the recommendations from the two associations, the Rev. Porter W. Phillips, pastor of Carron Street Baptist Church, where the Union was begun fifty-two years ago, offered a motion to adopt the report of the two bodies and that the bodies consolidate. Dr. R. H. Rucker, pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church, Washington, Pa., the only pastor present who was active at the time of the separation, seconded the motion, which was carried, with every person present voting.

THE NEXT ORDER of business was the election of a moderator for the new body. A motion was offered by the Rev. S. L. Spear that the Rev. E. P. Tunie, pastor of Clark Memorial Church, Homestead, be moderator. The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. A. Williams, and carried unanimously.

The following other officers were elected: The Revs. A. M. Waller, first moderator; H. R. Williams, recording secretary; H. H. Gaines, corresponding secretary, and Dr. S. A. Thurston, treasurer.



Glttering with $40,000 worth of jewelry, which he said were gifts, the Rt. Rev. Dr. James F. Jones of Detroit, Mich., leader of the Universal Triumph of the Dominion of God sect, arrived in Los Angeles this week for a 10-day stay. Claiming a following of more than six million, the Rev. Dr. Jones is touring western cities to raise $500,000 to erect a shrine in memory of his mother. He wore a $17,000 diamond bracelet, a $12,000 watch, and a 51-carat topaz ring worth $10,000. Attended by a retinue, the Rev. Dr. Jones was dressed in a tan suit, yellow shirt, green necktie, tan and white sport shoes, cream colored gloves, Panama hat and carried a Malacca cane.

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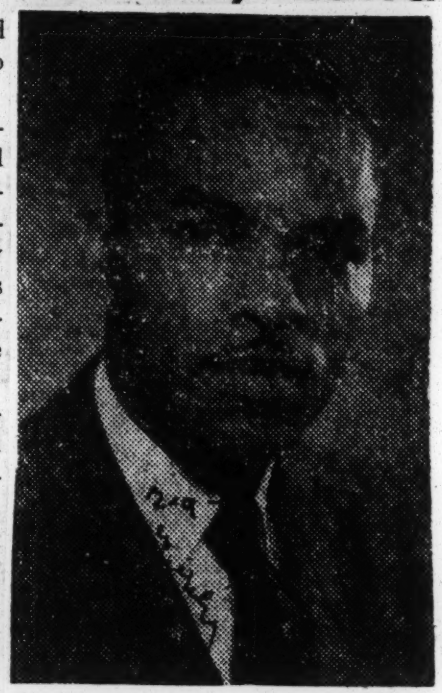
Dr. J.E. Watley named- BISHOP OF ENGLAND

U. S. Negro Named Bishop Of England And Holy Land



Chicago (INP).—England and the Near East has its first Negro bishop.

He is 43-year-old Dr. J. E. Watley, pastor of Watley's Rose Bowl Temple here, who recently returned from a 30-day tour of Europe, the Near East and the Holy Land. Dr. Watley reported on his tour in Memphis, Tenn., last December before the conclave of the Church of God In Christ.

Amidst wild acclaim from 10,000 delegates, the Church council elected him "overseer" of England, Trans-Jordan and Jerusalem. The Declaration was signed by Bishop R. F. Williams, chairman of the National Council.

Dr. Watley, who has been in the ministry 25 years, is the youngest person ever to be so honored, Church records reveal. He is a native of Dallas, Tex., and is well known all over America.

"I found much distress among the natives, both in Europe and the Near East," he said. "Poverty is everywhere. I believe it is the church's duty to help these unfortunate people."

Dr. Watley is expected to return to London in June to attend the World's Pentecostal conference at Westminster Abbey.

(Editor's note: History reveals the only Negroes ever to rule religiously over the Holy Land was during the era of the three Negro Catholic Popes. There is no record of a Negro ever being appointed Bishop of England by any religious faith.)

AME Bishop's Council Meets In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio., June 24—Three delegates to the World Conference on Faith and Order which convenes at Lund, Sweden, August 15-28, were elected by the Bishop's Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting here in special session last week. Presiding was Bishop S. L. Greene, of Atlanta, Georgia, newly elected president of the Council.

Other newly elected officers included: Bishop F. Madison Reid, Columbia, S. C., vice-president; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Philadelphia, Pa., Secretary; and Bishop Alexander J. Allen, Cleveland, Ohio, assistant secretary.

Also in attendance were Bishops William A. Fountains, senior emeritous; J. A. Gregg, active senior; R. C. Rasom, G. W. Baker, J. H. Clayborn, L. H. Hemmingway, Joseph Gomez, L. H. Bonner, W. R. Wilkes, C. A. Gibbs, H. T. Primm, F. D. Jordan, and E. C. Hatcher.

Elected to represent the AME Church at the World Conference on Faith and Order, were Bishops Greene, Gregg and Allen.

Bishops Bonner, Gibbs, Primm, Jordan and Hatcher were elected as representatives of the AME Church at a National Conference on Rapidly Changing Racial, Political and Social Conditions in Africa, south of the ahara. This conference is currently in session at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio.

Elect Four Laymen

Four outstanding laymen of the church, Drs. A. S. Jackson, R. W. Manse, R. A. Billings and A. C. Gaston were elected as representatives on the Lay Church Men's Commission of the National Council of Churches.

In other action the Council:

1. Projected a special campaign to aid emergency projects in the foreign mission fields.
2. Selected New Orleans, La., as the site of the annual session, February 18-20, 1953.
3. Elected chairmen of the various Boards and Commissions.

The Council also took favorable action on the following:

1. Request for selection of one young minister for study in the graduate school of Ecumenical Studies, Geneva, Switzerland, opening, October 1.
2. Request for one representative from the denomination to the International Congress for Hymnology and Church Music in Berne, Switzerland, August 30 to September 4.
3. Request for approval of the annual budget for the: (a) World Council of Churches; (b) National Council of Churches; (c) Fraternal Council of Negro Churches.

Bishop Walls Sails For Meeting In India

Bishop William J. Walls, senior bishop of the AME Zion Church, center, is shown bidding ministers of the New England Conference of the AME Zion Church adieu as he sailed recently from New York City aboard the SS Independence to attend a meeting of the central committee of the World Council of Churches in Lucknow, India, from Dec. 31 to Jan. 9, 1953. Left to right are: the Rev. J. H. French, Roxbury, Mass.; Dr. James C. Brown, Boston; the Rev. J. W. Findley, director of public relations; and the Rev. J. A. Stringfield, Worcester, Mass. Bishop Walls and Dr. Benjamin Mays, president of Morehouse College, are the only colored members from America on the central committee of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Mays Leaves For India Confab

NEW YORK — Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, one of the 31 institutions affiliated with the United College Fund sailed Nov. 28 aboard the Queen Elizabeth to attend this year's meeting of the World Council of Churches in Lucknow, India.

A member of the Council's 90 man Central Committee, Dr. May will be present at the meeting starting the end of Decembe and continuing through the firs week in January.

At the conclusion of the meet ings Dr. and Mrs. Mays will visi other parts of India and Egypt prior to returning to the United States in February.

Sails For Meeting

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse College in Atlanta, as he sailed from New York recently aboard the Queen Elizabeth to attend the meeting of the World Council of Churches to be held at the end of December in Lucknow, India.

Dr. Mays To Attend Church Council At Lucknow, India

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president of Morehouse College, and his wife, Mrs. Sadie Gray Mays, will sail for India the latter part of this month. They will embark on the Queen Elizabeth on Nov. 28 for the first stage of their long trip.

President Mays is making this trip to India to attend the meetings of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, which will convene at Lucknow, India.

The eminent educator and churchman is a member of this committee, which is the policy-making body of the gigantic organization of world churches that was formed some years ago in Amsterdam, Holland.

The Central Committee has met previously in Chichester, England, and in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Mays has attended all meetings of this committee since it was set up.

This is the tenth world's conference that President Mays has attended.

DR. B. E. MAYS